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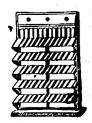
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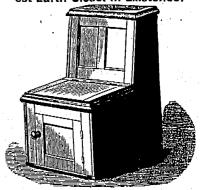
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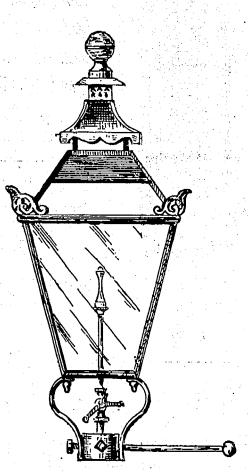
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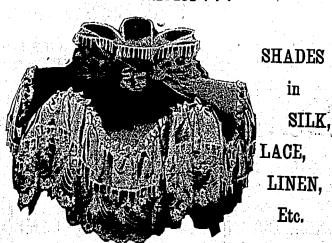
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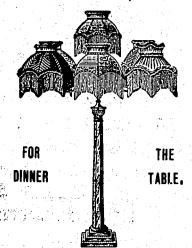
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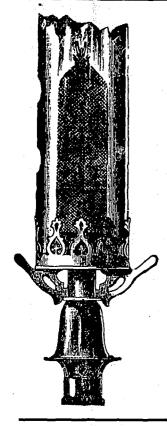
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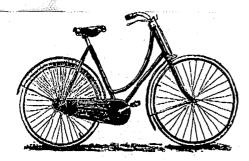
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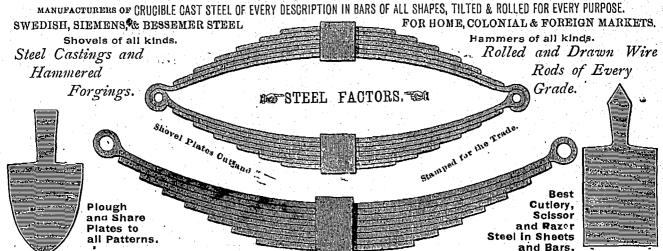
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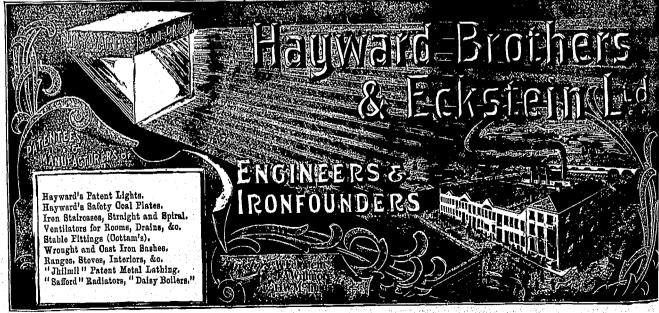
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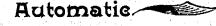
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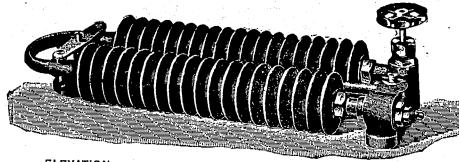
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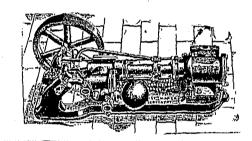
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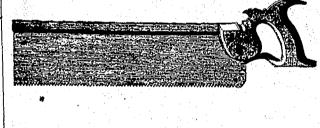
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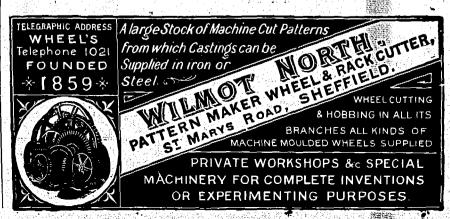




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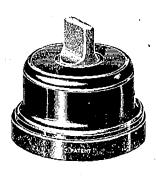
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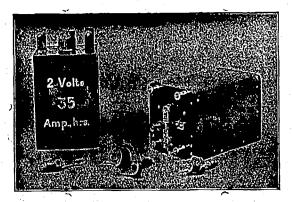


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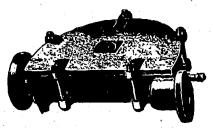
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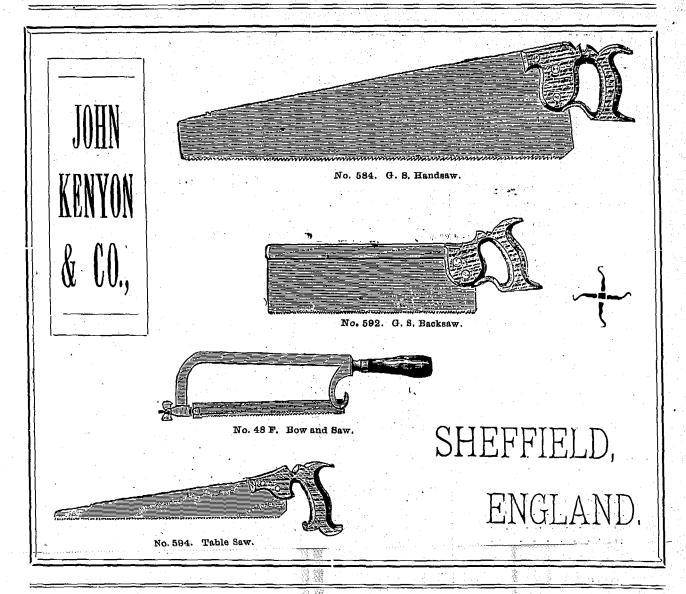
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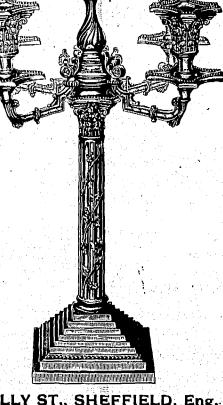
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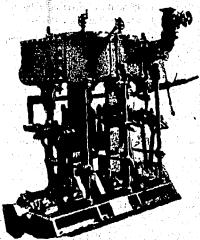
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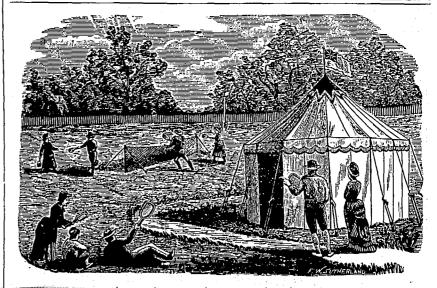
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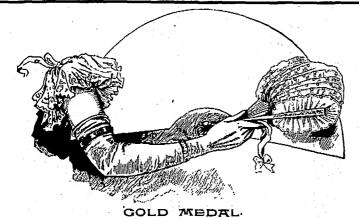
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-Letters patent of incorporation have been granted the Mace-Perkins Brewing Company, Montreal.

-The customs duties at the port of Hamilton for May amounted to \$64,-\$726.15, an increase of \$9,841.90 over the corresponding month in 1899.

-The incorporation is announced of the National Pulp & Paper Company, capital stock \$200,000, head office, Montreal. The incorporators are: Messrs. James Reid, Quebec; George S. Wilson, Montreal; R. B. Reid, paper maker, Indian. Lorette; Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick; Robert A. Becket, Montreal; Dr. F. L. Lockhart, Montreal; Seth P. Leet, Montreal, and M. Davis, Ottawa.,

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-A Port-Colborne, Ont., dispatch states that the by-law to grant a bonus to the Blast Furnace Company was defeated by a majority of six in that village. The Township of Humberstone had not been heard from.

-The steamer Ottawa, built by the Bertram Engine Works Company, to the order of J. R. Booth, of Ottawa, for the Canada Atlantic Company, is to run between Parry Sound and Upper Lake ports. The steamer is 257 feet long over all, 43 feet beam, 25 feet 6 inches deep, and will carry over 70,000 bushels of wheat on the canal draught of 14 feet. On the Upper Lakes' draught she will carry over 105,000 bushels of wheat. This is the largest vessel yet built on Lake Ontario.

The mining fever is not diminishing in the West. Rossland, B.C., despatch states that another Rossland mining company has been successfully floated on the London market by the B. A. C., namely the Le Roi Mining Company, No. 2, Limited, with a capital of £600,000. The prospectus was published in London recently. The object of the company is to acquire and work the Josie, Poorman and Annie Fractions, Rockingham, and No. 1, embracing an area of 72 acres on Red Mountain. The No. 1 is considered to be one of the best mines in camp as its development has disclosed more large ore shoots, and the Josie also has an excellent showing. A cablegram from London in response to an order for some stock, stated that it had been allotted and that five pound shares had already gone up to a premium of 10 shillings.

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-The large and growing commercial interests of Germany in China and Japan are shown by a published report from Consul E. J. Harris, at Eibenstock, Prussia. In 1898 German exports to China amounted to \$10,424,000. The imports into Germany from China for the same year amounted to \$5,164,600. German warehouses are located in llong Kong, Swatow, Amoy, Fuchau, Chefoo, Tein-Tsin, and Shanghai-altogether about one hundred and five establishments, of a total value of \$30,000,000; these render material assistance to German trade. These houses ship great cargoes of tea, rice and feathers to Germany in return for machinery and iron products of every description. In Shanghai there are German cotton and silk mills to the value of \$1,000,000. In addition to this, German capital is invested in a great many English enterprises; for example, the docks, shipping, and insurance companies of Shanghai. These interests are valued at \$18,000,000. The German Shantung Railroad Company has a capital of \$3,000,000. The interests of private individuals of German nationality in China are valued at \$2,000,000. In Shanghai the German Asiatic Bank does business with a capital of about \$3,000,-000. With the exception of a small vineyard in Chefoo, which is valued at \$25,000, the Germans own no plantations. In Japan there are sixty-five German warehouses doing busines with an aggregate capital of \$5,000,000. German industrial enterprises in Japan are valued at \$3,000,-000. German interests in Formosa, which is ruled by Japan, amount to \$1,500,000. In Japan's sphere of influence in Corea, about \$1,500,000 German capital has been investcd. In the aggregate, German interests in China and Japan are not far from \$90,000,000 in value.

-A Hamilton letter states that Messrs. H. P. Coburn of the Sawyer-Massey Company, of that city, John Bertram, of Dundas, and other capitalists are interested in the formation of a company for the manufacture of hay baling machines, with a capital of \$150,000.





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—A farmhouse telephone service has been established in the Western States which is found of service in case of fire and sickness, warning against tramps, etc.

-The new Chapelle extension of the Montreal Terminal Railway was formally opened on the 15th inst. The vicinity is fast becoming recognized as a favorable summer

—Acknowledgments.—We have to thank the senders of the following publications: The Connecticut Insurance Report on Secret and Friendly Societies, also Report Part I; the 45th Massachusetts Fire and Marine Insurance Report; Successive Bulletins from the U. S. Department of Labour, which are admirably compiled; the Report of the Minister of Mines, British Columbia, for 1898; the monthly reports of the Department of Trade and Commerce; the Statutes of Quebec, 1900; the Bankers' Magazine, of New York, which is always full of good matter and valuable comments upon current financial topics.

—The convention of the National Association of Credit Men, at Milwaukee, U.S., closed its three days' session on the 14th inst. Among the resolutions adopted was the following: "That the members of this association are urged and warned to make a thorough investigation of every application for credit, as to the practice of the applicant in regard to taking an annual inventory, to the end that his fire insurance may not be invalidated through its failures so to do, and the extension of the credit fully protected in this respect." Among the objects sought by the Association is to prevent the sale of stocks of goods in blocks without notice to creditors.

—The boot and shoe manufacturing industries of Great Britain are reported to be more flourishing than those of the States. Workmen from Scotland recently returned home from America as they could make steadier and better wages in the old land.

—An English paper tells of burglars being compelled to retreat from a house owing to the screams of a parrot they had disturbe. This is a novel form of protection against burglary.

-The Scott Bros. group of copper mining claims, north of Blind River, Oct., has been sold to the Mackenzic-Mann Syndicate for \$50,000. 300 acres are included in the property.

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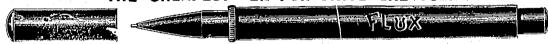
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—During the season just closed over one billion feet of logs were cut in the pine forests of Minnesota. The industry in that State employs about 16,000 men.

—The Montreal Chinese laundry tax puzzle is still unsolved. From behind unwilling bars can be heard pleading Celestial voices offering to compromise the debt at 621/2 cents in the dollar.

—"If the whole truth were known, it is likely that Philadelphia would prove to be, on inspection, a rottener town than New York, and that Ashbridge, Mayor of the former city, could give Van Wyck of New York points in betraying the public interests." Such is the opinion of the Springfield Republican, on a Republican Mayor and on one who is a Democrat. Arcades ambo, applies to these officials.

—With the completion of the repairs on the Montreal upper reservoir, citizens may hope for a little more security from impromptu visits through the tap of the various species of insects that of late appear to have abandoned their mountain home and freely risked life and happiness at the further end of the pipes. Perhaps they found danger among larger specimens of their kind, or, perchance, the workman's noise grated on their tender ears; but the ultimate fate of thousands is best known to the inhabitants who looked before they drank. Such evils are not without a good, however, for they have reminded the sportsman of the fishing season and made business better for the man who deals in tackle.

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-Messrs. Elder, Dempster & Co., of Liverpool, represented in Montreal by Mr. Alex. Sinclair, who have hitherto imported the bulk of the bananas sold in the English market from the Canary Islands, now intend to bring them over also from the West Indies in the new line of steamers which West Indian bananas have hitherto they will run there. been exported to America, as it has not been possible to bring them to British ports in proper condition, but to overcome this difficulty, the cool air system which has proved so successful in the large White Star steamers carrying fruit from Australia will be fitted in these boats on a very The owners have decided to place this extensive scale. work in the hands of Messrs. J. & E. Hall, Ltd., of Dartford, who have fitted the White Star steamers above mentioned and all the ships for the Cape fruit trade, the extensive experience that these refrigerating engineers have had in the cold storage and carriage of fruit on board a ship and ashore having largely influenced Messrs. Elder, Dempster & Co., in their decision.

—The candy craze is likely to be revived, and the manufacturers of a certain brand may be rushed with orders before the coming general election. The name under which this new make is known is "Brandy Chocolates." It is said that in order to become in the least manner under the influence of political persuasion, fifty of these chocolates must be eaten within a specified time. Capacity and candy are, then, the only requisites to the happiest of elections in the near future.

—It was decided, at the last meeting of the Lachine, Que., Council, to pay a bonus of \$25,000 to Messrs. Fisk & Co., leather manufacturers, who have some 100 employees at work. Messrs. James Cooper & Co. applied for a bonus of \$35,000, but the matter was referred to a general committee of the council, to meet specially for the purpose of examining the question further.

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-The Chicago and Grand Trunk Railway directors have decided to complete the double track between Port Huron and Chicago. Work will be resumed shortly.

-Advices from Kingston, Jamaica, state that the condition of the island's finances is so bad that a law has just been passed authorizing the Government to borrow \$750,000 from the Imperial Treasury, at 2% per cent., to meet the deficits.

-An insurance company which by its policy contracts to insure "against all direct loss or damage by fire," etc., is not liable for damages arising from smoke and soot escaping from a defective stovepipe, and emanating from a fire intentionally built in a stove, and kept confined therein, nor for damages caused by water used in cooling a portion of the ceiling heated by such pipe, but not actually ignited thereby; it not appearing that the use of water was necessary to prevent ignition. Canon vs Phoenix Ins. Co. of Hartford, Conn., 35 S. E. Rep. (Ga.) 775.

--The following Ontario companies have been incorporated: Byer Remedy Co., Markham, capital, \$40,000; Sun Portland Cement Co., Owen Sound, capital, \$500,000; Tweed & Hungerford Exhibition Park Co., \$4,000; F. R. Lalor Canning Co., Dunnville, capital, \$35,000; Robertson-Taylor Manufacturing Co., Galt, capital, \$100,000; Alexandria Wood Export Co., capital, \$20,000; Kinleith Paper Co., St. Catharines, capital, \$200,000; Canada Meter Co., Windsor, capital, \$40,-000; Ashbury College Co., Ottawa, capital, \$15,000; National Drug & Chemical Co., Toronto, capital \$40,000; Georgian Bay Hotel Co., Penetanguishene, capital, \$40,000; Gibraltar Mining & Development Co., Toronto, capital \$1,000,000; Cook Land Co., Toronto, capital, \$60,000; Central Electric Street Railway Co., Sarnia, capital, \$100,000; City Dairy Co., Toronto, capital, \$950,000; Ontario Hydro-Carbon Burner Co., Hamilton, capital, \$50,000. Permission is given to the Abbot-Mitchell Iron Co., Belleville, to increase their stock to \$250,000.

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It is proposed to double the present tax on Chinese immigrants, which would involve a payment of \$100 on their entering Canada. As such a sum makes about all the revonue ever derived from this class, it is not undesirable that it should be demanded at the first door.

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-Customs returns at the port of Toronto show a record year, the amount of duties collected so far being in excess of \$5,000,000. The amount collected for the first eleven months ending June 1, totalled \$5,054,000, as compared with \$1,815,054 during the whole of the fiscal year ending June 1, 1899.

—The vagaries of government control of public works are well illustrated, says theRailway and Shipping World, by the recent appointment of W. O'Brien, a Montreal restaurant keeper, to the Superintendency of the Lachine Canal, at a salary of \$2,500 a year His change from whisky to water for a livelihood ought to gratify our tectotal friends any way.

—In a caustic article on the gas monopoly of that city the Springfield Republican very justly says: "Public monopolies are maintained and protected in the monopoly by the people and the one great condition of this maintenance is the fullest publicity in their affairs, The people are quasipartners in these public service businesses." Our contemporary predicts that unless greater regard is paid to public interests the result will be the "full public ownership of the services in question." The paper speaks of an "air-blower" being used to inflate gas at the gas works. Such a machine here would enable the gas company to self atmospheric air at \$1.20 per 1,000 feet. The poor gas at times suggests that it is so adulterated.

The foreign trade of Canada for the eleven months of the fiscal year ending May 31 last, shows an aggregate of \$323,596,476, or an increase of \$46,309,394 over the same period in 1899, which up to then was a record year. For the last eleven months the imports were \$164,801,196, an increase of \$26,615,000 over the similar period of last year. The exports in the same period were \$158,795,280, a gain of \$19,777,014 over the same eleven months in 1899. The Customs revenue stands for the past eleven months at \$26,615,581, an increase of \$3,515,192 over the same period of 1899. For the month of May the imports show an increase of \$2,200,000 over May. 1899, and the exports of \$1,250,000, while the Customs revenue in the same time increased by over \$300,000.

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—The Astor syndicate, New York, has secured from the Honduras Government concessions for building an isthmian railway across the Republic of Honduras, from Puerto Cortez on the Atlantic to Amapa on the Pacific. This is thought to be the largest railway deal ever projected in Central America. The Astor syndicate is really the Honduras syndicate, and is composed of New York capitalists. Work will begin on the inter-oceanic line at once. By the terms of the concession it must be completed in four years.

—Jatest dispatches from Manitoba do not add any cheer to reports already published of a decidedly short wheat crop owing to the drought, and heavy winds early in the season. Hay will also be a very short crop. The North West Territories are in better shape.

-The new summer hotel, Brant, on Hamilton Beach, Ont., will be opened on July 1st. The building is four storeys high and has over 200 rooms.

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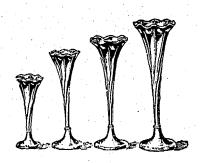
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-Acknowledgments are due to the Dominion Publishing Co., Toronto, for a copy of a neatly bound, handsomely illustrated work entitled "Glimpses of Canada, 1900." Views of some of the principal buildings and monuments of our leading cities are given in the book. A little letter-press description would not be inappropriate, but this might probably have rendered the volume too bulky.

-The abuse of credit has caused a New York tobacco firm to suggest a mode of dealing whereby the insolvered trader. if proven to have so conducted his affairs that dishonesty is apparent, is deprived of purchasing further goods from any firm belonging to the association, regardless of whether he is willing to pay cash down or This, it is suggested, would do much toward driving out of business the really undesirable element, and permit of more leniency being shown those who have failed through other causes.

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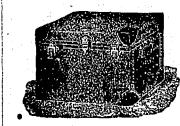
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-A St. Catharines, Ont., letter states that work on the extension of the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto electric road has been commenced. Wages of the employees on-both-extensions have been increased to \$1.50 per day.

-Rumours of an impending mill strike at Ottawa are being circulated.



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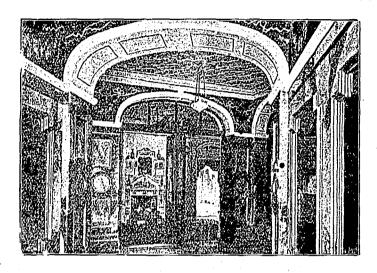


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—Grand Trunk Railway System—Earnings 8th to 14th June, 1900, \$432,502; 1899, 401,507; increase, \$30,995. Chicago and Grand Trunk carnings omitted.

—Some of those who make Trade Inquiries do not seem to know that houses of good standing do not care to have their names and addresses furnished to anoymous enquirers, whose questions disclose their non-acquaintance with the trade.

—The Valleyfield, Que., by-law granting a bonus of \$50,000 and exemption from taxation for twenty years to the Montreal Cotton Company, the company granting in return electrical light power to the town for twenty years, building an iron bridge over the channel, and guaranteeing the immediate construction of new mills, which will employ at least 400 hands, was unanimously carried, there being no poll called for.

—A dividend of 15 shillings per share, and a bonus of 10 shillings per share, equal to 9½ per cent. on the capital stock was declared by the Hudson's Bay Company at the recent meeting in London. This is an addition of 2 per cent. over last year's dividend. In addition to this, the directors of the company have, out of the year's profit, set aside £10,000 for the employees' benefit fund, have added £10,000 to the insurance reserve fund, and have carried forward to the credit of profit and loss account £52,000, or £10,000 more than the year before. The result is considered as most satisfactory, and as reflecting great credit on those who are directing the company's affairs.



-It is stated that the Canada Atlantic Railway directors are looking forward to the acquiring of a direct ocean fleet. The company is now somewhat handicapped, owing to the lack of boats on the St. Lawrence bound for the Old World, so rumor has it the company will place itself on a basis independent of the steamship companies by building ocean going vessels to carry grain and freight. The rumored extension of the Canada Atlantic to Sault Ste. Marie is also said to be an additional reason for the company securing boats which will make it independent of the ocean steamship companies. When the Georgian Bay ship canal goes through and the Ottawa River, between Montreal and the Capital, is made navigable for ocean vessels, large elevators will be erected there, it is said, and the long haul by rail from Depot Harbor to Coteau will be shortened by the distance from Ottawa to Coteau.

—The National Bank of Mexico has declared a dividend of 17 per cent, on the business done last year. The bank has \$14,000,000 paid up capital and nearly \$7,000,000 reserve fund. The net profits of the bank for 1899 were \$3,480,889.

-A new branch of the South Shore Railway, between Sorel, Que., and Yamaska, was formally opened on the 16th instant.

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The following customs circular will be interesting, more particularly in view of recent irregularities aired in Court and the settlement of which created considerable comment.

The following regulations are substituted for sections 10 and 11 of Memo. No. 1007 B., relating to "General Regulations as to Invoices and Entries of Goods under the Customs Laws of Canada," viz.:

10. The invoice produced for entry at the custom house, in respect of goods purchased by an importer, shall be an invoice from the person, firm or corporation selling the goods to such importer. The invoice shall be properly certified and shall faithfully represent the transaction between the seller of the goods and the importer in respect of such goods, and shall truly exhibit the actual price paid and to be paid for the goods by the importer making entry thereof, including the cost of coverings of any kind and all charges and expenses incident to placing the goods in condition packed ready for shipment direct to Canada. 11. Goods bona fide exported to Canada from any country, but passing in transitu through another country, shall be valued for duty as if they were imported directly from such first mentioned country, subject to the following conditions, namely:

(a) The bill of lading for the transportation of the goods to Canada shall show the ultimate destination of the goods, from the place of original shipment to be a port in Canada, without any contingency of diversion, and the goods shall not be entered for consumption or for warehouse, or remain unclaimed, or remain for any purpose other than their transhipment or transit in any intermediate country. (b) The said bill of lading for the transportation of the goods from the port of original shipment to Canada, or a certified copy or copies thereof, and such further evidence as the collector may require to establish the direct exportation of the goods from the place of original shipment to a port in Canada, as hereinbefore provided, together with a proper invoice of the goods, shall be produced by the importer to the collector of customs at the port of entry; provided that a customs certificate showing the transhipment of the goods in a British or foreign port, without entry thereat, for consumption or for warehouse, or for any other purpose than their transportation in transitu to the port of destination in Canada, may be required by the said collector as further evidence, in any case where he deems it necessary, in addition to the bill of lading; provided also that any original bill of lading when so produced to the collector, and marked with the customs stamp, may be returned if a "Transitu Statement" (in a form approved by the Minister of Customs) containing the material facts set forth in the bill of lading respecting the consignment, including package marks and freight charges, be filed with the collector and be by him compared with the particulars in the original bill of lading.

(c) Goods subject to an ad valorem duty, not imported in conformity with these regulations, shall be valued and appraised at their fair market value, as sold for home consumption in the principal markets of the last country whence the goods were transported into Canada, as at the time when the same were exported from such country.

Note—Until 1st September, 1900, collectors may use discretion in respect of the production of original bills of lading when other proof is furnished establishing to their satisfaction the bona fide exportation of goods to Canada as above prescribed when passing in transitu through an intermediate country.

GROCERY NOTES.

-The threatened trouble in China is already affecting the tea market in New York and other large centres.

-The opening prices on California canned fruits has been announced by the Fruit Canners' Association. The prices are disappointing, as it was expected they would be lower for a time in keeping with former years. They are shown to be almost as high as last year, in one case higher, notwithstanding an assured good crop. Buyers are holding off.

-The Master Bakers and Bread Drivers of Montreal will hold their annual picnic at Huntingdon, Que., on August 7th.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22nd, 1900.

CUT RATES ON DRUGS.

Modern custom has brought about a condition of trade respecting well-known specialties not at all favorable to the ordinary retailer. Once any article becomes recognized, either on its intrinsic merits or through the medium of advertising, a certain percentage of the retail trade, among which departmental stores are conspicuous, begin cutting the price, thus aiding its sale but depriving the regular dealer of any profit in its handling. manufacturers could stop this by refusing to sell to cutrate stores, but as they prove in this manner the greatest distributors besides being free advertisers, the owners have hesitated in cutting off their best trade. Furthermore, there are, in proprietary medicines, for instance, so many varieties claiming merit for the one ailment that it has become a race for preference among many proprietors. To hold from their best trade would be to drive at a slower pace and thereby give adversaries a better chance.

The National Association of Retail Druggists of the United States has perseveringly urged that proprietary manufacturers distribute their goods only through regularly established drug jobbing houses, and these wholesale distributers should sell only to legitimate retail pharmacists. The work of the association has already accomplished very satisfactory results. At the last annual meeting of the National Who'esale Druggists' Association the members gave the plan their hearty indorsement. Recently the proprietary manufacturers, acting individually; have expressed their intention to take such action as will protect the reputation of their respective products. Sixtyone of the largest manufacturers will each send a communication to a selected list of wholesale distributers announcing a rebate on purchases in consideration of upholding principles. Following are some of the clauses: "Believing that the sale of our goods to aggressive cutters and brokers is detrimental not only to our business but to that of the retail trade as well, we will decline to sell our preparations to any party supplying such cutters or brokers, directly or indirectly, with our goods at any price. Should compaints reach us that parties violate these terms, or we have reason to believe that they have, we shall exercise our right to decline orders of parties who have failed to maintain them."

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CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE.

The annual meeting of the Bank of Commerce was held on 19th inst. The Report was the most gratifying ever laid before the shareholders. The net profits of past year were \$766,582, being 12.78 per cent. on the This exceeds all previous records and paid up capital. marks a stride towards the "Commerce" taking second place amongst the banks of Canada. The profits thus compare with the four previous years:

1897. 1896. 1899. \$477,456 \$445,730 \$466,623 \$542,802 \$766,582

Last year's results, therefore, were \$223,780 in excess of any in last five years. The increase in circulation, deposits, and discounts, was also large, their several

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amounts being for last 5 years as follows, the first line being for circulation, the second deposits bearing interest, the third those not bearing interest, and the fourth the amount of discounts in the several years:

1900.	1899.	1898.	1897.	1896.
\$4,191,693	\$3,868,420	\$3,030,428	\$2,550,503	\$2,358,058
24,193,343	22,634,446	19,798,152	16,328,571	14,868,674
5,486,925	5,091,916	3,490,953	3,026,385	3,343,744
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The increases in 1900 over 1899 were, in circulation \$323,273, in deposits \$1,953,906 and in discounts, \$4,-263,991; and the increases in 1900 over 1896 were in circulation, \$1,833,635; in deposits, \$11,467,850; and in discounts, \$8,634,959. Since 1889 the Bank of Commerce has added \$17.590,395 to its deposits, an increase of over 145 per cent, and its discounts have beeen augmented since that year by \$8,449,170. In the last 10

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years the circulation has more than doubled. The profits of last year were distributed by, payments of \$420,-000 for two half-yearly dividends, \$250,000 transferred to Rest Account, and \$100,000 to reduce Bank Premises Account to make up which \$3,418 was taken from bal-For the list of new ance at credit of Profit and Loss. branches we refer to the full report in this issue.

The President, the Honble. Senator Cox, pitched his address in an optimistic key, as became remarks on so favourable a statement. He referred in highly commendable terms to the bonus given to the staff, which he spoke as having given the directors great pleasure. We can assure him that such kindly words are much appreciated by the officers. He defended the gifts of the Patriotic Fund and the Ottawa Fire Fund. The first on the ground that, the bank derives a corporate benefit from such a national enterprise as Canada sending troops to help in fighting the battles of the Empire in South Africa, and the other because the bank has a large and profitable business in Ottawa, which entails local duties when such a calamity occurs. The President's logic is as sound, as the generosity it defends is creditable, to a financial institution. . In regard to the amendments to the Bank Act, Senator Cox showed that the only one of moment is the proposal to appoint an inspector to supervise the affairs of a suspended bank, who will represent the Bankers' Association. We have already endorsed this amendment, though we regard it as likely to rust from lack of occupation.

The General Manager, Mr. Byron E. Walker, followed with an exhaustive review of the conditions of business in the past year and of their existing state. it will be so widely read by being published in these columns as to need only brief comment rather of an index nature than critical, for Mr. Walker's armour is too closely knit to leave openings of weakness in either his facts of conclusions. The currency he issues passes in financial and mercantile circles at par. The opening passages in his address were devoted to drawing a graphic sketch of the contrast between the Canada of some years ago and its present circumstances and prospects. From an agricultural people we have become a manufacturing. Early interestippliers of fair materials we are now, pasy with, the problem, "how to supply the products of this country in as advanced a state of manufacture as possible," which, whatever fanatics may say, is a nobler destiny for a people than being merely occupied in raising raw materials for the industries of foreigners. cessity for more extended aid being given by the Government to facilitate transportation, was pointed out as one urgent need of the times, more especially assistance in developing the trade of the St. Lawrence route. following passage is significant, "Our problem, in Canuda, is to obtain as early as possible the facilities in ships, warehouses and general conditions of navigation so as to enable us to seize as much of the traffic as we can before the Eric Canal is enlarged and transfer arrangements at New York are improved." It shows that Mr. Walker is seized with the idea of Montreal being the national port of Canada. In this connection he urges upon the Government the better protection of the St. Lawrence Gulf route in order to satisfy the reasonable demands of ship-In turning to notice our manupers and underwriters. facturing interests, in regard to which Mr. Walker is sanguine, he informs us that, "three customers of the Bank of Commerce are the largest manufacturers in their line in the British Empire." He desires to see protective measures taken to safeguard and develop the pulp and paper industries. Reports from 12 to 15 manufacturing town and cities in Ontario state that almost all classes of manufactures have had an unusually profitable There are, however, indications which suggest caution as the consumption of goods is hardly likely to be as great in the current year as in 1899. Mr. Walker from a personal examination of assay office records gives \$16,000,000 as the value of the gold output of the Yukon for 1899. The remarks by this experienced financier who has special facilities for acquiring exact information from all parts of the country will, doubtless, be highly valued both in Canada, the United States and England. Indeed, now that this Dominion has acquired so distinguished a reputation through the remarkable gallantry of her sons in South Africa, the whole Empire will be deeply interested in the comprehensive and able sketch of the trade and financial conditions of this country given in the address of the General Manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and in the statement of the affairs of that institution published in this journal. The comparisons given above will also be highly impressive as a record of advancement in resources and in active business.

The Bank of Commerce is extending its influence in Montreal through the election of Mr. A. Kingman to the Board of Directors, who will be associated in future with Mr. James Crathern, who has been on the Board a

great many years, Mr. Mr. W. E. H. Massey of the Massey-Harris Co., Toronto, has also been elected a director. The business of the Montreal office of the Bank of Commerce is expanding rapidly under the management of Mr. Mathewson.

THE FELT HAT TRADE OF CANADA.

Owing to one the accidents which are liable to occur in every printing office we were made to say in a portion of last week's issue that felt hats were not made in Canada, instead of there is only a limited class of such head gear not made here. The error was discovered in time for the necessary correction to be made except in a few copies.

This industry has never flourished to any considerable extent in Canada, the reason being that it is based on "style" and "get up" which make it one of the fancy industries which to be permanently profitable must be carried on under conditions of population which do not exist here. Hats must please the fastidious wearers, each one of whom has his special hobby in form, colour, finish, etc. We see no great difficulty in solving the 47th problem in the first book of Euclid. But there is a hat problem we never could solve, nor ever will. This is: why, when the hat worn last Spring is removed from winter quarters and put in its place this season, we are reminded on looking in a mirror of the line of Burns which we are moved to apply to ourselves for buying such a hat:

"I was nae fou', but just had plenty!"
So great is the metamorphosis produced in a man's appearance when he dons a hat out of "style." When the retail dealer solves this problem, Why our ideas of style change so rapidly? he will cease making bad stock—but not till then.

There are several felt hat manufacturers in Canada. one is in Truro, N.S., who makes a cheap grade of men's and boys' felt hats for the farmers' trade. He is hampered by distance from the main distributing centre, but so far has prospered and paid his way, a record few of his competitors can boast of. In Toronto an ambitions concern called the American Felt Hat Co., came to trouble a few years ago and paid their creditors the price of a 3-cent postage stamp in the dollar. Phoenix-like they rose from their ashes and are now going ahead by the help of new blood and more capital. There is a small industry in Chambly, P.Q., and another in St. John, P.Q., both of which are flourishing in a small way. Another firm in this trade, in this city, is called the Globe The leading and far the largest industry Hat Works. of this class is carried on by the old and well known firm of Messrs. James Coristine & Co., of this city, who manufacture felt hats for men and also for ladies.

The great bulk of this kind, as of other classes of hats worn in Canada come from England, where the hat trade most flourishes. A few are imported from the United States. A hat of the finest quality of this class sells retail at \$5, but the greater portion are bought at \$1.50 to to \$2.50. In October, 1894, we gave an illustration of the risk attendant upon dealing in a fancy article that varies in style every season. "If the retailer had no expenses to bear other than the cost of the goods and did a fair amount of business, there would be little to fear of his future, but those must be reckoned with as is well

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shown by a little tabular illustration previously published in these columns:

12 hats bought at \$2 \$24 8 of them sold at \$3 24

The 9th hat pays living expenses; the 10th hat pays rent and clerks; the 11th hat goes to bad stock, and the 12th is left for profit. There is no account taken of bad debts in the foregoing for which every prudent trader makes provision, as ignoring it has brought many a retailer to disaster."

The necessity of having sets of new blocks made each season, in order to meet the demands of fashion, adds very materially to the cost of manufacturing felt hats, as the blocks are costly and of ephemeral value. If the wearers of goods that vary in style from year to year were to follow the Chinese custom of keeping one style of raiment unchanged for centuries, dressing for both sexes would be far less expensive—but much less trade would be done in all kinds of clothing and personal adornments.

GUARDIAN FIRE AND LIFE ASSURANCE CO.

The Guardian Fire and Life Assurance Co. is one of those strong English insurance organisations that have been built up by prudent and skilful management until a strength has been attained beyond the power of any risks it has undertaken to weaken. Having been established in 1821 its roots had had only a few years growth when it stood firm amid one of the worst financial storms ever known in England. Ever since for over 75 years it has been the trusty "Guardian" of its policy-holders' Last year the fire premiums amounted to \$7,-882.368, being \$62,964 in excess of those of 1899, and it paid out for losses, \$1,055.346. The company holds \$843,000 as a Premium Reserve Fund to cover unexpired policies, and in addition to this it has a Fire General Reserve Fund amounting to \$1,850,000. These two reserve funds aggregate \$2,693 000 apart from the proprietors' capital. This large sum is held to meet fire claims that arise in excess of the onnual income, which. of itself, is always considerably in excess of annual claims. These conditions give policy-holders absolute security. The Guardian has a large business in life assurance. The liberality of its arrangements may be judged by this fact that it is about to distribute \$1,320.-000 as a quinquennial bonus to policy-holders out of five years' profits, amounting to \$1 650,000, the proprietors' share being \$330,000, one-fifth of the total profits, in accordance with the constitution of the company. life funds held amount to \$15,122,618, the total assets of the Guardian being \$24,346 808. The company is represented here by Mr. E. P. Heaton, Resident Manager, whose ability, thorough knowledge of insurance business, and courtesy are well known, and generally recognised.

BANK OF HAMILTON.

The 28th annual meeting of the Bank of Hamilton was held on the 18th inst., the president, Mr. John Stuart. being in the chair. The statement is an especially satisfactory one. The net profits were, \$235,181. As the average of the paid up capital during the year was \$1,547,000, the profits were 15.20 per cent. on that amount, which seems likely to be the maximum reached by bank profits last year. The sum of \$134,119 was received for

premiums on new stock, being at the rate of 66 per cent. on \$203,212, the amount paid in to date of statement. The profits and premiums being added to the balance at credit of profit and loss brought forward from 1899, \$11,010, raised the balance to \$380,311, which was disposed of as follows: \$123,759 was absorbed by two half-yearly dividends at rate of 8 per cent. per annum, \$234.669 was transferred to Reserve Fund, \$5,000 to rebate on current bills discounted, and \$5,000 to bank These appropriations left \$12,433 premises' account. as the balance of profit and loss to be carried forward. The Reserve Fund now stands at \$1,234,120, which is 72.64 per cent, of the paid up capital. The Bank of Hamilton has made remarkable progress in recent years. Its deposits bearing interest in 1898 were \$4,565,778, they are now. \$7,453,514; the deposits not bearing interest in 1898 were \$1,138,170, they now stand at \$2,-476,804. The increase in deposits since 1896 has been \$4,226,370, which is over 74 per cent. The discounts in former year were \$5,516,293, they are now \$10,194,-122, being an advance of \$4,677,829 since 1896, the addition made to the active business in past four years being over 84 per cent. This development has necessitated the increase of capital, which is likely to be raised up to \$2.000,000 to meet the requirements of expanding The Bank of Hamilton has evidently acquired a commanding position in Hamilton, and dis-It is needless to say that to the signcity and popularity of Mr. Turnbull, the General Manager, the prosperity of this bank is largely due.

UNION BANK OF CANADA.

The 35th annual meeting of the Union Bank was held at Quebec on 14th inst. The Report states the past year's profits to have been \$162,931. Out of this the sum of \$120,000 was paid in two half-yearly dividends, and \$42,931 added to profit and loss, making the balance at credit. \$76,040. From this \$1,000 was paid as a subscription to the Patriotic Fund, \$50.000 transferred to Reserve Fund, which left, \$25,040 to be carried forward to next year. The Reserve Fund now stands at \$500,000. The closing of the Ottawa branch last year of course reduced the gross amount of the business. This will be made up at the other offices, and by the new connections made by branches at Pincher Creek and Yorktown in the North West Territories, which have yielded satisfactory results. The vacancy on the board caused by the death of Hon. E. J. Price, has been filled by the election of Mr. William Price. The report and statement in full are published on a later page in this issue.

THE HOCHELAGA BANK.

The Hochelaga Bank held its 26th annual meeting on the 15th inst. The report presented thereat appears in this issue. During the year the paid up capital was enlarged by the issuance of \$250,000 new stock at 30 per cent premium. From this source the sum of \$74,898 was received. The net business profits were \$139,037. This being added to the balance of profit and loss from 1899 and the amount realized from premiums produced \$216,433. The disposition made of this was as follows: Two dividends amounting to \$98,880; \$115,000 was taken to augment the reserve fund, leaving \$2,553 to be

The net profits of \$139. carried forward to next year. 037, were \$23,970 in excess of 1899, and were 9.27 on the paid up capital at close of the year. Int as the new capital was not in hand all the year the average percentage of the profits must have been higher but how much so can only be ascertained by having the dates whereon the new capital was paid in - A slight allusion is made to "serious events" having occurred last year arising from the temporary stoppage of a neigh-It is gratifying to find no trace of any bouring bank. such events in the statement, for the deposits increased last year from \$4,689,812 to \$5,753,000, or nearly 25 per cent. the circulation went up from \$909,703 to \$1,-335,763 and the discounts from \$4,338,468 to \$5,951,653. These are exceptionally large increases to be made in one year and indicate a degree of confidence in the stability and good management of the Hochelaga Bank that must be highly gratifying, especially to the General Manager, Mr. Prendergast, upon whom the recent statement reflects the highest credit.

ONTARIO BANK.

The Ontario Bank held its annual meeting at Toronto on the 19th inst. The shareholders present must have had a highly agreeable time in listening to the statement, as it is one that will be very graitlying to all the connections and friends of this bank. The net profits for last year were \$125,876, which is 12.58 per cent. on the The two half-yearly dividends took paid up capital. \$50.000, so that \$75,876 was left as surplus profits. To this sum was added, \$14,124 from profit and loss, making \$90,000. This was transferred to Reserve Fund, the amount of which is now \$200,000. The Ontario Bank under the management of Mr. C. McGill has made rapid Since 1896 the deposits have risen from \$4,-166,060, to \$7.054,130; the circulation from \$727,458 to \$985,101; the discounts from \$4,799,947 to \$7,048,458. The increase of resources and active business since Mr. McGill took hold of the helm has been 50 per cent. The profits made last year were \$41,228 in excess of those in 1898, this increase being also about 50 per cent.. and were over 22 per cent. larger than those of 1899. couraged by so rapid an expansion of business the shareholders adopted a by-law authorizing the increase of capital stock to \$1,500,000, on which we trust an equal percentage of profit will continue yearly to be made as was realized last year.

ONTARIO LANDS.

It would be well for those who are considering where to emigrate in order to engage in agriculture, to acquire information in regard to the farm lands of Ontario. There is a class of settlers for whom the farms obtainable in that Province are especially suitable, the conditions and surroundings of which they would find more attractive than land in the North West Territories or even in Manitoba.

In Ontario there are excellent farm lands to be secured at a very moderate price. They have come into the market from causes that do not at all reflect upon their value. In some cases the owner after struggling along for years weighed down by a mortgage at last real-

izes his unfitness for agricultural life. He entered upon it without experience, or natural capacity, and he has never been able to thoroughly adapt himself to the calling of a farmer. Hence his farm is on sale, having been foreclosed by a loan company, or otherwise brought into the market. In other cases the cultivator after early success has had a family brought up around him which has been a serious drawback to his financial prosperity. A son has acquired expensive habits, instead of being a help to the farmer he has proved a hindrance by idleness and irregularities. Age having come on has found the owner incapable of any longer working the farm, with the needful vigour and economy. Hence the homestead has had to be abandoned and a farm capable of furnishing a good income to its cultivator is now on sale at a price below its original value before being improved. In other cases the domestic management has been so extravagant as to have rendered a farmer's hard work and skill and economy unable to make the farm a financial The money needed for improved barns inc gene for enlarging the house, for adding to his luxuries, for making it adapted to the tastes of daughters with city ideas and ambitions in regard to style. paying off the mortgage, or buying better cattle, or renewing worn out implements, the crops have been sold to provide a costly piano, a drawing room suite, a fashionable buggy, or the proceeds spent on other luxuries in dress, furnishings, etc., etc. Such a family when a pinch comes is too proud to revert to old-time economies. The dread of what Mrs. Grundy will say is overpowering, so the only alternative is to sell the farm and move away to some other locality.

From such causes as the above good farms have come into the market which are procurable for a sum that makes them a bargain for any capable cultivator. Death also at times causes a desirable homestead to be offered Now the farms throughout Ontario which, for above reasons amongst others, are now held by loan companies, or trustees, are usually near to market towns, to local churches, schools, to other settlements, all of which offer attractions to those who are unable to face the isolated conditions of farm life in the North West. A prairie farm, however promising its returns cannot be entered upon by many of the most desirable settlers for domestic reasons. The immigrant may have the care of an aged or infirm parent or sister, or other relative, who is unfit for life in such a location. Or he may have tastes and the means to gratify them, which cannot be indulged too far away from a town or city to admit of frequent visits. A musical amateur, for instance, and they now abound in the agricultural districts in the old country, and in Europe generally, would feel life to be not worth living, however large his returns, were he entirely isolated.

A farmer anywhere in Ontario is within a short distance of a city, town, or village where his musical tastes can be indulged. That Province is settled, more or less throughout, by flourishing communities. A new arrival at once finds neighbours who may be relied upon to give him a welcome and do everything reasonable to assist the newcomer in acquiring all the local knowledge he may need as to working his land, markets, and social affairs. Were a well organized, persistent effort made to place the advantages offered to settlers by the lands of Ontario now on sale, we believe a considerable number of farms in that Province would find purchasers.

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MINING EXCHANGES.

Mining Exchanges are undergoing a considerable amount of caustic criticism just now. The Stock Exchange is unable to wholly exclude operations of a doubtful character, but before any stock can be quoted on its list the bona fide nature of the enterprise must be established to its satisfaction. The Mining Exchanges appear to have been less careful of the interests of their Doubts are freely expressed whether there are any such mines as have been made the basis of certain alleged joint stock companies. There is reason to believe that in some cases no organization existed, the whole affair being only on paper. Scrip certificates were put on the market which represented nothing of value,, they were intended only as gambling tools. To whatever extent any mining exchange has been the scene of operations in scrip of this class it has been so truly a gambling den as to come within the purview of the law against such resorts. Those who have the management of these exchanges owe it to themselves to prevent any securities being handled therein that are of doubtful character. There has nothing occurred recently to account for the depressed condition of the market for mining stocks, except the exposures which have been made of so many being mere fakes. ago an offer was made to purchase a few shares of a certain mining company. The offer was repudiated, as it was said small transactions could not be engaged in. A few days ago the broker who held his head so high over a small bid, offered to sell as few as five or ten shares of the same stock which a year ago was only on sale in lots of 100 and upwards. Long before the mining stock boom broke out, and during its continuance we warned against speculating in such very uncertain securities, and we showed how inevitable was a reaction. Some of our readers had caution enough to take heed, and their money is now safe in their purses or in solid investments. Some others saw the bait dangling before them, who, though warned that there was a hook hidden, snatched at the bait and are now squirming to get free. They wanted experience and they have got their desire, though, from some facts known to us, they have paid very dear for It may be taken as sound doctrine that their whistle. any stock not officially listed on the regular Stock Exchange is a desirable security to avoid, so long as mining exchanges decline to protect operators from fakes and fakirs, some of whom are no better than thimble-riggers at a fair.

MR. J. J. KENNY ON THE HULL-OTTAWA FIRE.

Mr. J. J. Kenny, Vice-President and Manager of the Western Assurance Company, has issued a circular to the company's agents respecting the Hull-Ottawa conflagration. The views of so experienced an underwriter will be found of interest and value to property owners generally, as well as to those engaged in fire insurance business. • Mr. Kenny draws attention to the liability of all cities and towns to similar disasters as overtook Hull. In 1877 St. John, N.B., suffered an even more serious loss towards which the insurance companies contributed over six millions of dollars. In 1897 Windsor, N.S., and in 1898, New Westminster, B.C., were nearly wiped out by fire, which entailed heavy losses on the insurance companeis.

Mr. Kenny regards the fire protection in Hull and Ot-

tawa to have been "better than that of nine-tenths of the towns in Canada." So serious a statement made by one having complete, expert information demands the attention of those municipal officials and ratepayers in towns and villages where fire protection is defective. To expose a place to the hazard of destruction by fire in order to save the cost of adequate fire protection is culpable negligence. So serious a charge, as is implied by Mr. Kenny's statement, against the prudence of our municipal rulers suggests legislation making it imperative for municipal corporations to provide ample fire protection. This service is equally as important as police protection, and its cost is too small to justify the prevalent neglect.

Another lesson drawn by Mr. Kenny from the recent conflagration is the necessity of fire insurance companies having large assets to enable them to meet sudden "During the past twentylosses of a large amount. five years ten joint stock fire companies, which have been organized in Canada, and which wrote business below the recognized tariff rates, have, owing to unfavorable experience, discontinued business having practically lost their entire capital." It is obvious that fire insurance companies whose assets are restricted can only find safety in writing a few and small risks in any given area, as, otherwise, a conflagration, the chance of which is always present, would render them incapable of paying the heavy losses entailed by such a calamity. absence in so many towns and villages of a building law has led to whole streets and rows of dwellings, being built of wood, as was the case at Hull. In places where this condition prevails fire insurance companies need to be careful in carrying risks, and the zeal of local agents in such localities needs to be restrained when they endeavour to put too many eggs in one basket.

Mr. Kenny regards the late fire as proof that the present rates need to be maintained if not advanced. writes: "The reports of the superintendence of insurance for the Dominion show that during the last thirtyone years (the period embraced in these returns) there had been but a very small margin of profit on Canadian business up to the close of the year 1899. This profit has been more than absorbed by the Ottawa and Hull losses. In addition to the Canadian companies that have been forced to retire from business, a number of British and American companies have withdrawn from Canada, owing to their unfavorable experience in this field. These results are ample warrant for refusing to meet the competition of companies which offer to accept business below tariff rates, these rates being shown to have failed to yield sufficient premiums to the companies, as a whole, to pay the losses and expenses upon Canadian business." In regard to the rates charged for fire insurance, property owners and the companies stand in the relation of buyer and seller. If a merchant offers goods at a price which his competitor declares do not yield a living profit, the public will not abstain from purchasing goods at the lower price because such trade is declared to be unprofitable. There is, however, this difference, the buyer at a store at once gets the goods he pays for, but the buyer of fire insurance only secures If the company has a promise to deliver the goods. engaged to deliver more than it has the means to provide the buyer has paid his money, his premiums, but will probably not get what he bought, that is, indemnity in case of a loss by fire. It is manifest therefore that each policy holder has a direct interest in a fire insurance company being so managed as to be financially strong enough to meet its obligations whenever they are due.

Another lesson of the Hull fire pointed out by Mr. Kenny is, "The importance of property owners carrying insurance proportionate to value." He remarks: "The proprietors of some of the largest manufacturing establishments destroyed at Ottawa, relying upon what they regarded as ample fire protection on their own premises, in addition to that afforded by the city, and upon their supposed isolation from external exposure, had recently largely reduced their insurance. As a result they sustained very heavy direct losses, besides the serious indirect loss through suspension of business." 'This less' son we enforced by recent comments upon the folly of one large manufacturer whose ill-judged parsimony had led him to largely reduce his insurance whereby he suffered a very heavy loss. He had, as it were, saved the price of "a shoe," but lost "the horse," as the old fable As a matter of fact very few property owners consider the exposure risk. They regard only the conditions under their own control which may make the risk quite trifling, yet they may have a neighbour who is so very reckless as to jeopardize all the adjacent pro-We commend Mr. Kenny's timely lessons to property owners, but more especially to muincipal corporations who need to realize more than they are doing how necessary is adequate fire protection.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

Every man needs a holiday. The average citizen, if in business for himself, will think out more clear ideas regarding the furthering of his trade while sitting on the end of a log waiting for a bite, or letting his boat glide at will down the current, or his gun lay idly across his shoulder as he strolls through the forest, than if he were boused in the middle of his goods and the roasting atmosphere following him with the determination of the friend who wants to borrow a "five." If for no other reason than to get better ideas regarding his business the ambitious merehant needs a holiday.

The man who works for him needs a holiday. may have—and doubtless has—the interests of the business at heart to a much greater degree than his employer. As a consequence he is using his brains more steadily, besides having the perpetual pleasure of knowing that he is at any moment subject to censure if things are not going just as smooth as though he were at the helm. This is a worry, a pardonable one indeed, but it is nevertheless, a worry. Then he has the constant fear hanging over his head, like the poor culprit awaiting trial, that he may at any moment get his wages increased. This is a worry, an excusable one, to be sure, but it is an added worry and it weighs on his mind. quently, the employee needs a holiday even worse than the man he works for. There are more of him. is in the great majority. Like the guiding help-meet in the domestic affairs of life, he is the calm and calculating side in the daily controversies that bubble up in every business house, and his trained coolness in that regard stands boldly out in his favor, winning for him the esteem of his employers. They have the money interest and often permit it to envelop the outer light, but the employee, who is deeply interested in his duties, reserves this and it comes handy at the proper moment. He knows that his employer has his money made and his goods insured, and is, in all likelihood, safe from invasion, while for him he must run the extra risk of having his negotiable possessions swept away at one fell swoop if the bank should happen to burst. He works longer hours than his employer, has often to make hurried excuses to customers for his employer's mistakes, all this requiring a quickness of thought, a clearness of vision, a brightness of intellect that only the man worked up to the highest key in his employer's affairs can successfully bring to bear in the right manner at the proper mo-He is not made of steel. If he were he would be taking the place of a portion of machinery, which would necessitate a guiding hand. ' He has capacities' beyond the hardened metal, but those capacities require It will soothe his soul to know that while he is probably engaged in the arduous task of bringing down a black squirrel or bringing up a speckled trout, that far away in the smoky, dusty, scorehing city, his munificent salary is rolling up into as snug a little heap as though he were there in person. The employee needs a holiday:

Every man doesn't get a holiday. There is a man in business for himself over in Chicago now, who worked steadily in one retail store in Ontario for twenty-five years, and in all that time never took a single holiday. He is a stalwart man, one of the old stock who grew strong lifting barrels of sugar, salt and coal oil without assistance, and likes to recall incidents of his Ontario days when he acted as middle-man with the firm who employed him so well and never gave him a holiday. He didn't get much wages. Any man who began as general late-and-early clerk in a grocery store thirty-five years ago didn't get a lordly salary. But it was the length of time this man held on that eventually made him independent enough to begin for himself. That man claims he doesn't know what a holiday is and has no This instance can not, however, be desire to learn. taken as a criterion of success in the highest degree. Had the man in question taken holidays he would probably have so enriched his employers that they might have eventually retired in his favor, taken him in as partner, or opened a branch store for him where his determination and business abilities would be given more scopesomething they certainly well deserved. Such ideas are not found circulating very freely yet, it remains for the future to bring them more into being.

But to return to the subject. A summer holiday is a necessity to every worker. It makes him a better man. It gives him a clearer brain. It improves his general good health. It makes him fonder of his family is he It teaches him the art so fortunate as to have one. of believing, or rather getting others to pretend they believe there are fish caught every summer with scales big enough to weigh their own carcasses. It causes him to believe that communing with nature-mixed with mosquitoes and blackberry briars-makes him fitter to cope with his keenest adversaries in business for the rest of the year.

BRITISH RULE AND FAMINE IN INDIA.

The appalling famine in India is being made a weapon for attacking Great Britain by some of her enemies in the States, whose malicious remarks on that calamity have even found an echo in Canada. It is not well for these disparaging comments on British rule in India to be allowed to pass unanswered in this country. There is a large element in the population of this Dominion who resent an attack of the old land as every son ought to resent an insult offered to his mother. But there is another element, made up of those who are not moved by such a sentiment of natural affection, whose respect for British rule here is liable to be weakened by reading what is intended to be an exposure of its alleged injustice, cruelty, and inefficiency in another dependency of the Empire.

The younger generation in our midst, who may justly be proud of being native Canadians, need to be well informed on subjects like the Indian famine, so as to be able to answer the slanders of those whose charges against Great Britain, if credited, would seriously weaken their loyalty to the Empire. The charge is made that, as one American paper says, almost daily, "England can find millions to kill or wound the people of the Transvaal, but allows myriads of the Queen's subjects in India to die of famine." A famine in a British possession symchronizing with a war to defend another British possession is a most lamentable coincidence, no doubt. the way in which these two events are associated by American papers is most illogical and unfair. war was just and necessary it was not made any less so by occurring during a famine in India. Was Great Britain to allow the Boers to overrun her colonies in South Africa and drive her out of that region because a famine was devastating another part of her possessions? Suppose a man has a herd of cattle on a farm distant from his home which he hears are being stolen or threatened to be stolen by marauders, and, on another farm other cattle are needing special provision of food, is he to wholly abandon one property because another calls for extra attention to its needs? Suppose he is attending to both cases, is it just to repreach him for having two troubles on his hands at the same time?

It is not true that England is in any way responsible for the Indian famine, as is implied by some of her cri-England is powerful, but she does does not control the weather, but the famine resulted from drought, for which Providence is responsible, not British rule. There were famines in India far worse than the present one, long before it came into the hands of the English. To mitigate the horrors of such famines no efforts were made before British rule was established. To England the natives owe their protection from such terrific scourges as formerly swept over Hindustan, and the alleviation of those which have since occurred. Great Britain has opened roads; has constructed irrigation works; has established food depots; has organized a relief system, and founded hospitals all over India. quate these may be, but human power, preventative of alleviative, compared with the awful forces of Nature, is The natives are far more lightly taxed than they were under their native rulers, and for half a century not a single charge has ever been made of boodling against an English official in India. What taxes are paid are spent in India, almost wholly on, and entirely for the benefit of the natives.

It is assumed that it is the imperative duty of the government of England to feed the starving population of a district in India. The duty is not provable, save by arguments which are capable of being carried to logical issues from which those who favour such arguments would revolt. The famines to which India is, and ever has been periodically subject, would be materially lessened in severity were the natives more willing to be guided by the British. But they refuse to cultivate their lands as is necessary to raise crops large enough to yield a reserve for years of deficiency. They refuse also to im-

migrate from districts over-populated to vacant areas where a famine never occurs. Such obstinacy relieves their British rulers from responsibility for the suffering caused by famine, as the natives might avoid it to a large extent if they were to act as their rulers desire. But, it is not true, that the British rulers of India neglect the famine-stricken. The expenditure on relief is prodigious, it is stated to be \$400,000 daily. This, too, must be considered, the natives of India have not the physical or moral vitality to bear the strain of a famine which other races have shown. They die quickly when food is scarce and they make no effort to escape from their calamitous surroundings.

When the above circumstances are given their due weight in judging the question we submit that, thouse charge made against Great Britain that the war in South Africa is responsible for the terrible distress from famine in India, as it takes funds which would otherwise be used to alleviate such suffering, is "not proven," but is a malicious slander of British rule in India.

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN THE EAST.

The Chinese Minister at Washington has given his views to the public in regard to the English language. He writes: "I am not partial to the English language, but it has evidently come to stay, and it may already be called the commercial language of the Orient. In all the treaty ports and important centres of the East it holds a place in the school and counting-house which no other language can claim. It is spoken in the streets of Shanghai, it is taught in the schools of Yokohama, and it has obtained such a vogue that merchants of all other nations resident in the East make use of it in their business and in their families. If there is to be an international language, it will be English." The Chinese Minister regards it as most desirable for the spelling of English to be approximated more closely to the pronunciation, as, were this done, it would be much more easily learnt and its use become more general by the natives of China and other Asiatic countries, where it is the only foreign language that is popular. We sympathize with this desire, but are puzzled to discover the method by which it could be attained. He suggests "phonetic spelling" as the remedy for this trouble. But this would make confusion more confounded. No two peoples pronounce the same group of letters by the same sounds. is no absolute, universal rule recognized for pronouncing individual letters, or combinations of them. A Pole, or a Welshman, sees no difficulty in pronouncing strings of consonants, and scholars of these races have assured us that their words are spelt phonetically. Yet, what are we to make for instance of the following couplet from a Polish poem by the Bunns of Poland, who, says his translator, "is celebrated for the truly delightful, melodious flow of his verse."

"Wszyotko sie dziwnie plecie,

A ktoby cheial wszyotkiego rozumen dochodzie!"

Those jaw-breaking words are written phonetically, according to Polish ideas. Were English words spelt phonetically the difficulties of learning its pronunciation by foreigners would not be lessened, it would only make confusion more confounded as every people would then pronounce English according to their national ideas as to the sound represented by a combination of letters. This is a point entirely ignored by those spelling reformers who are desirous of having English pronounced as it

is spelt. The verdict of the Chinese ambassador that, "If there is to be an international language it will be English," proves that English is more readily learnt, more easily pronounced, more expressive, and comprehensive than any other tongue.

THE TROUBLE IN CHINA.

The magnitude of the issue at stake in China is notyet realized, as the exact position of affairs is somewhat From what is known it looks as though China were at war with at least five of the greatest powers in the world, as well as with Japan, which is fast rising in Beyond the old cry of "China for the Chinese," little is known of the policy of the government of that empire. "Whom the gods would destroy they first drive and," seems applicable to this case. We note, that Lord Salisbury, at a recent meeting in London, stated that the Chinese had attacked the British missions not because of their hostility to the Christian faith, but, because the missionaries were representative of European influence, which is offensive to the Chinese. Our readers will remember that the same view was expressed in The attack on the forthis journal some weeks ago. eign war ships, and interference with the European legations at Pekin will entail a heavy punishment. That city was taken by the English on 12th October, 1860. The rebellion which brought England and France into conflict with China commenced in 1851, and lasted 15 It is estimated that while the rebellion was raging there were millions of natives killed. of that trouble was a great advancement of British influence in China. With such a record it seems incredible that so fragile a power should have invited disruption by attacking five powers, each one of which is equal to the task of inflicting condign punishment on China, and which combined could divide up that Empire like boys sharing an orange. In the absence of authentic news any decisive judgment on this extraordinary outbreak is premature.

BANK STATEMENTS HELD OVER.

Owing to the late date in the week at which several bank meetings were held we are compelled to hold over their reports until next week. Our readers, however, will probably find as much reading matter relating to banking records of last year as they care to have in one The Bank of Commerce alone furnishes a good "square meal." The monthly bank statement, with our usual comparative table, is also held over.

Meetings, Reports, &c.

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE.

The annual meeting of the Shareholders of The Canadian Bank of Commerce was held in the Banking House on Tuesday, 19th inst., a large number of shareholders being present.

The President, Mr. George A. Cox, was requested to take the chair, and Mr. J. H. Plummer, the Assistant General Manager, read the report of the Directors, as follows: REPORT.

The Directors beg to present to the shareholders the thirty-third Annual Report, covering the year ending 31st

May, 1900, together with the usual Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Balance at credit of profit and loss account.

Balance carried forward

brought forward from last year..... \$55,738.53 Net profits for the year ending May 31, after pro-

viding for all bad and doubtful debts 766,582.52

Making in all \$822,321.05

Which has been appropriated as follows: Dividends Nos. 65 and 66, at 7 per cent. per annum.\$420,000.00 Transferred to Rest Account 250,000.00 Grant to National Patriotic Fund 5,000.00 Grand to fund for relief of sufferers by Ottawa fire 2,500,00

34,821.05 \$\$22,321.05

The usual careful revaluation of the entire assets of the Bank has been made, and all bad and doubtful debts have been amply provided for.

The profits of the year have been unusually large, permitting an addition to the Reserve Fund of \$250,000 and a further reduction of \$100,000 in the Bank Premises account. A similar appropriation to the Bank Premises account was made last year, and the Bank has thus out of profits paid largely for the extensive building operations of the last two years.

During the year the Bank has opened Branches as follows: at Fort Frances, Ontario, a point on the Ontario and Rainy River Railway which is destined to become of commercial importance; at Fort Steele, an office worked in connection with our Cranbrook office, in the East Kootenay District of British Columbia; at White Horse, in the Yukon Territory, being the terminus of the White Pass and Yukon Rai,way Company; and at Seattle, in the State of Washington, a city intimately connected with the trade along the Pacific Coast.

The various branches, agencies, and departments of the Bank have been inspected during the year.

The Directors have again pleasure in recording their appreciation of the efficiency and zeal with which their respective duties have been performed by the officers of the

GEORGE A. COX, President.

Toronto, June 9th, 1900.

GENERAL STATEMENT, MAY 31, 1900.

Liabilities.

Notes of the Bank in circulation \$4,191,693.00 Deposits not bearing interest .. \$5,486,925.84 Deposits bearing interest, including

interest accrued to date 24,193,343.69

\$2	9,680,269.53
Palances due to other Banks in Canada	6,768.39
Balances due to Agents in Great Britain	1,447,479.22
Dividends unpaid	1,767.92
Dividend No. 66, payable June 1 :	210,000.00
Capital paid up \$6,000,000.00	
Rest 1,250,000.00	
Balance of Profit and Loss account	
carried forward 34,821.05	

7,284,821.05

\$42,822,799.11

Coin and Budion \$2,251,598,25 Dominion Notes 1,399,471,25	
Deposit with Dominion Government for se- curity of note circulation	175,311.37
Notes of and cheques on other banks	821,176.30

Balances due by other banks in Canada 166,867.85 Balances due by agents of the bank in the

United States 1.090.246.03

Government bonds, municipal and other securities	. 6,310,285.80
Call loans on stocks and bonds	3,286,196.18
	\$15,501,153.03
Time loans on stocks and bonds	. 1,644,532.28
Other current loans and discounts	. 24,437,142.94
Overdue debts (loss fully provided for)	. 113,899.15
Real estate (other than bank premises)	108,399.8
Mortgages	
Bank premises	
Other assets	
1344	

\$42,\$22,799.11

B. E. WALKER, General Manager.

In moving the adoption of the Report, the President said:
PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

I venture to predict that the Annual Statement and Balance Sheet which I now have the honor to submit, will meet with your very cordial approval.

It will be observed that we have, in common with other financial institutions, participated to the extent of our full share in the general prosperity that has prevailed throughout the country. This year we have again to report an increase of close upon \$2,000,000 in our deposits and of over \$800,000 in our circulation. Our total deposits have now reached the handsome sum of \$29,680,000, an increase of over \$10,000,000 during the last three years, and the note circulation during the same period has grown from \$2,500,000 to over \$4,000,000.

The Report calls attention to the handsome earnings of the past year, which have enabled us to make the substantial addition of a quarter of a million dollars to the Reserve Fund, and also another large appropriation of \$100,000 to our Bank Premises account. The latter appropriation will, I am sure, be approved by our shareholders in view of the expenditure we have thought it well to incur in providing suitable accommodation for our branches. I am pleased to say that we have little more to do in this direction; with the completion of the buildings we now have under construction we shall be pretty well through with the changes and additions called for by the growing business of the bank.

You will no doubt be pleased to know that the directors have not overlooked the staff, to whose faithful and zealous efforts the success of the bank in the past year has been largely due. Before closing the books we set aside for them a substantial sum out of the year's earnings and distributed it as a bonus, the distribution being rated in such a way as to do justice to those of the bank's employees who receive small salaries. We have a very loyal, very capable and very zealous staff, and nothing in the closing up of the year's business has given the directors greater pleasure than the fact that they were able to recognize these qualities in the substantial manner that I have mentioned.

A contribution of \$2,500 to the fund for the sufferers by the great fire at Ottawa, and of \$5,000 to the National Patriotic Fund will, I have no doubt, meet with your unanimous approval. Theoretically we should distribute the earnings of the bank amongst our shareholders and let each give for himself to such funds, but, looking at the matter from the practical side it cannot be doubted that we have a corporate responsibility in regard to, and derive a corporate benefit from, such a national enterprise as sending troops to help in fighting the battles of the Empire in South Africa. Our Canadian soldiers have nobly done their duty on those distant fields of battle, and every true Canadian heart swells with pride at the glorious deeds that have brought so much honor and so much credit to themselves and to the land of their birth. The fire at Ottawa appeals to us on a different ground. We have an important branch there with a large and profitable business and our local connection justifies local aid in such a distressing calamity.

The Act under which we now carry on our business was passed in 1890, and under it the Bank Charters would expire on the 1st July next. An Act to amend the Bank Act, which provides for the extension of our charters until the 1st July, 1911, is now before Parliament and will no doubt, shortly become law. This is the fourth time since

Confederation that the law respecting Banks and Banking has been brought up for discussion in Parliament, and the practice of decennial revision seems to have become pretty well established. Speaking from the Bank's point of view I do not see much to object to in this, for no doubt as the country grows there will be at the end of each ten years reasons for some extension or modification of the powers of the Banks. There are, however, at each revision fewer points to be dealt with. The changes since 1870 have not touched the fundamental principles of the banking law so far as the loaning business of the banks is concerned; and I hope we shall always hold to the conservative principles which govern in this respect. The amendments made from time to time have been chiefly intended to bring about greater security for creditors, and to minimize, so far as legislation can, the results of misfortune and bad management.

In 1890 the scheme respecting note issues was adopted, which occasions the deposit with the Government, in the Bank Redemption Fund, of the amount which you see in our balance sheet. The provisions then made respecting the circulation have been found entirely adequate for the purposes for which they were intended; that is ito secure bank notes, and to make them payable without discount at every place in Canada, even after the failure of the issuing bank, should that happen. The amendments in the present bill affecting circulation are in the direction, of further protection against over issues. Apart from these the only amendment calling for notice is that which provides for the appointment of a curator for a suspended bank by the other banks acting together as an association.

The incorporation of the banks in a body known as the Canadian Bankers' Association has placed at the disposal of the Government a piece of machinery to deal with matters of this kind of a unique, but, I think, particularly effeetive kind. The Association has long existed as a voluntary body, its functions being to look after the general interests of banks in such matters as the education of the younger men in the profession, the publication of the Journal of the Association, etc., and the imposition of such duties as those referred to on the Association is an experiment which will be watched with interest by all concerned in financial matters. I think it will be found that as the banks have within reach the most suitable men to be placed in temporary charge of the affairs of a suspended bank, and have also the highest possible interest in seeing its affairs honestly and wisely administered, the experiment is likely to be highly successful. No section of the community is so keenly interested in the maintenance of public credit, and especially the maintenance of the high credit of the Canadian banks, as the banks them-Of course, it is not intended to take away the control of the assets of a suspended bank from the creditors and shareholders. The supervision to be exercised by the Bankers' Association, through the curator, is only intended to protect the interests of all concerned, and to maintain the status quo until a liquidator is appointed or the bank resumes business.

Speaking of circulation, it will interest you to know that owing to the great activity of business during the past year, the note circulation of the banks reached the highest point it has ever touched. The maximum amount was \$50-, \$45,200, which is so much beyond the maximum of the previous year—\$44,024,600—as to be quite remarkable. We had our full share of this expansion, our maximum having been \$5,635,000, against a maximum of \$3,904,000 in 1898.

The General Manager spoke as follows:

GENERAL MANAGER'S ADDRESS.

When we come to the close of a year which has not been profitable or in which the conditions have been varied and not altogether satisfactory the bank manager may find occasion to speak at some length in explanation of the different features which have influenced the whole result, but at the present moment it would doubtless be sufficient to remind you that the past year has been the most prosperous in the history of our country. Prosperity speaks readily for itself and needs little explanation, still the object of the remarks made at our annual meetings is not to excuse the lean or congratulate you upon the full years, but to endeavour to understand causes and effects with a view to safety in the conduct of the somewhat difficult business of bank-

ing. It is clear that in many things affecting our future the people of Canada are taking new steps of great importance, and that in doing so they will make some mistakes and receive some cheeks, and it would be well for us to bear this steadily in mind and keep a sharp lookout for the turn of events. It is not very many years since we were an agricultural people with a few struggling manufactures, an uncomfortably small population and a vast area of territory, with apparently unlimited natural resources for most of which there was no market. political experiment of confederation was regarded by many with grave doubt, our trans-continental railway an impossibility as an earning property, and our influence in Imperial affairs was very limited. This has all been changed in so short a time that we need not wonder if there are some who hesitate to accept the future which is apparently in store for us. It looks now as if the world wants our iron and coal even more than the so-called precious metals, and wants every forest product which can be made into wooden articles or into paper, and as if our problem is to supply these things in as advanced a state of manufacture as possible instead of in a raw state. It looks as if at last we are to have fleets of steel ships upon our lakes owned by Canadians and even built in Canada. It is clear that our trans-continental railway is with its grass earnings of \$30,000,000 and net of over \$10,000,000 no longer a doubtful experiment except as to its ability to carry the fleight coming from the areas it traverses. Our political experiment of confederation which did not even interest the people of Great Britain in 1867 is now so completely beyond doubt that the attempt to form a similar confederation in the Southern Seas is regarded in London as an event of Imperial interest only second to the war in South Africa. Added to this a dark moment in the histo:y of the Empire gave us the opportunity of showing our conception of our duty to it. Indeed, with India, the new Australasia, the British South Africa of the future, and Canada, all steadily growing in importance, it is hard to over estimate the influence of the "Men of the Four New Nations and the Islands of the Sea" especially now that our "English brother" begins to "understand."

TRANSPORTATION.

We have on similar occasions endeavored to draw attention to the imperative demand in Canada for increased facilities of transportation. We all recognize that rapidity, efficiency and cheapness in transportation are just as vital to a new country as that the products it creates shall be high enough in quality and low enough in cost to satisfy the markets of the world. We have undoubtedly done a good deal, both publicly and privately, to improve our transportation, but we have much more to do, and although we shall hope that some day such things may be left almost entirely to private effort, it is clear that we cannot do this as yet. As we advance in experience we shall expect to see greater skill exercised by our Governments in granting aid to transportation, but we cannot study the commercial development of our country without concluding that what we are, apart from the natural richness of our country and the energy of our people, we owe mainly to aid given by our Governments to facilitate transportation. Whether we have regard to the inland transportation by railroads, the Great Lakes, and the Saint Lawrence, or from our Atlantic Coast to Europe, or our Pacific Coast to Asia, our geographical position shows that we should carry all of our own products and much from the United States beside. But against these natural advantages we have to meet the facilities actually established by a nation with an enormous population, vast wealth and greater genius for land transportation than any other country in the world. We are glad to see that great warehouses and improved terminal facilities are being built at Montreal, a shipyard for steel vessels at Collingwood, and that companies are being created with steel vessels of sufficient size for modern lake traffic, but persistent effort on a large scale will be necessary to turn to our St. Lawtence route our natural share of the products which have so long reached the Atlantic by way of Buffalo and New York. It would be well not to take much satisfaction at the concern exhibited at Buffalo and New York regarding the freight already diverted to the Saint Lawrence. Our

problem is to obtain as early as possible the facilities in ships, warehouses and general conditions of navigation so as to enable us to seize as much of the traffic as we can before the Erie Canal is enlarged and transfer arrangements at New York are improved. In rail transportation the lack of ears last year almost paralyzed some classes of business, while the lack of vessels at Canadian scaports put freights out of the reach of some shippers, notably cattle dealers. It is true that the South African war was partly responsible for this, but the main reason was the smallness of the fe. t available for Canada. We should have on our lakes and on the Atlantic a far greater number of freighters of the latest models, than we have been accustomed to think necessary, even in our sanguine moments. We should, doubtless, frankly admit that the Saint Lawrence Gulf needs the serious attention of the Government. What the expenditure should be, whether merely more light-houses and telegraph stations, or expenditure having a much wider range, we are not prepared to say, but whatever is necessary to satisfy the reasonable demands of shippers and underwriters and to make it a favorite route, should be done as early as possible. On the Pacific, apart from the Canadian Pacific Railway steamers to Japan, the situation is even worse. It is easy to understand that it will try the patience and wisdom of the Ministers of the Dominion and of the Provinces to know just how and when, out of limited national wealth, to give the most useful aid. The errors of the past of this character, however, are as nothing to the benefits conferred, and more railroads and ships we must have.

MANUFACTURING INTERESTS.

We have apparently passed that stage when our manufacturers were chiefly engaged in the endeavour to compete successfully with foreigners for the trade of our own people. We have now an extensive range of manufactures, and year by year we are building up a large foreign trade. It is also noticeable that in most branches of manufacture there are strong, thoroughly established firms or companies who have demonstrated that their particular goods may be made here at a steady profit, and many of these take a forward place among their fellow-manufacturers throughout the world. I notice, for instance, that three customers of this bank claim to be the largest manufacturers in their particular line in the British Empire. Even in manufactures such as cotton, sugar and rubber, where the raw material is not of Canadian origin, we are building up good and profitable industries.. There are said to be over 30 cotton mills in Canada, employing over 12,000 people. These are, of course, small figures when compared with the United States, but the mills are mainly connected with the commerce of Montreal, and form an important feature in our smaller affairs. In our more natural field of pulp and paper-making we are pushing ahead rapidly. There are already 34 paper and 35 pulp mills in operation, and unless we fail to manage this great national resource with wisdom the figures will soon be much larger. The initial difficulties of learning the business of pulp-making and the more difficult one of paper-making are disappearing, and if we can so manage our forests that we sell the product as pulp, or better still, as paper, instead of selling the wood, we must have a great source of wealth and opportunity for enterprise. In Ontario we have dealt successfully with this problem as applied to lumber, and we are endeavouring to do so applied to nickel. The lumber manufacturing clause, so loudly abused, is now pretty generally accepted as a natural and wise regulation, and we can but hope that legis'ation looking to the same end will be passed in the interest of Canadian pulp and paper makers. are witnessing extraordinary developments in iron and coal. For a few years Europe has bought iron from North America and now she is asking for coal, the rapid rise in price and fear of actual famine having even affected the shares of British railways and other enterprises largely dependent on coal. We can assuredly supply both coal and iron to Europe cheaper than the United States, and if this is a permanent change in consequence of which Europe will afford a continuous market for both articles, although a varying one as to quantity, we shall be able at last to develop our great stores of both minerals and build up manufactures in iron and steel on a scale which seemed quite impossible but a few years ago, while the effect on our own railway and other construction work and upon our existing manufactures which require iron as a raw material must be most helpful to Canada as a whole. The fact that the recent rise in the prices of iron, lumber and other structural materials was so unreasonable in its proportions is unfortunate and the check which has already been administered need cause no surprise. When prices go beyoud a certain range construction work of almost all kinds There is not as is greatly reduced as the natural result. much railroad or house building or construction of any kind going on as last year, and doubtless in view of the strain on the money market this is just as well. Still from cities and towns large and small, throughout all Canada we hear the statement repeated that houses are well occupied and that there has been a decided improvement in Reports from twelve or fifteen manufacturing towns and cities in Ontario state that almost all classes of manufacturers have done an unusually large and profitable business during the last year and that the demand classes of goods, except structural Nevertheless, although terials, continues. in a condition. erally seems tobe healthy there are some signs which prudent people should The handsome balance in our favour watch with care. between our imports and our exports has been changed to a balance against us, although of moderate proportions; the staples which have declined are those which generally lead a downward wave in prices; the volume of capital already fixed in new ventures, and not available as liquid capital, has already affected the cost of money; and in the North West at least, there are clearly too large stocks in the hands of merchants, due to the mild winter, the strikes and other mining troubles in British Columbia, and the restricted paying power of many farmers have invested their savings in purchases of new land. the retailers dispose of the high-priced goods purchased last year, the manufacturers and wholesale importers cannot expect that the retailers will refill their shelves as readily as in 1899.

The conditions of the lumber trade have already been suggested. After very high prices enabling new and old stocks to be readily sold with large profit, sales have been rendered difficult by the check to building. Operations in the woods have been made expensive by the general rise in prices, while the mild winter has made it probable that quantities of logs will not float down to the mills. Altogether the outlook is not as satisfactory as last season.

AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS.

Taking Canada as a whole the year has been a very good one for the farmers. Regarding wheat in the North West our Winnipeg manager writes as follows:

"While the earlier forecasts of last year as to the quan-"tity of the grain crop were considerably over estimated, "it is a fact nevertheless that there was harvested in Mani-"toba and the Territories the largest and one of the most "perfectly matured crops which has ever been handled "during the few years that Manitoba has been recognized "as a grain producing Province. Although slight frosts "appeared in some parts of the Province and Territories "the inspection returns prove that barely one per cent. " of the total quantity harvested was affected in this way, "and that a very large percentage of the wheat marketed "has been inspected as of the grade of Manitoba No. 1 "Hard; this, too, in face of the fact that the standard for "that grade was made considerably higher by Act of Par-"liament than that required by law during previous years. "The price has been somewhat disappointing, but this has "been counterbalanced to a large extent in the high grad-"ing referred to."

The fall wheat in Ontario was a failure, but the result from other cereals was satisfactory. Cattle, horses and hogs all brought good prices. There was a handsome increase in the money value of both cheese and butter, bringing the total of dairy exports up to nearly \$25,000,000 a gain of over \$5,000,000 from the previous year, and the highest figures in money yet recorded. There are a few localities in Ontario where it is said that the returns from farming and the collection of debts by merchants were not satisfactory, but almost everywhere the report is the re-

verse of this. Without doubt another year of substantial progress has been made, mortgages have been reduced or paid off, new land has been settled and whether it be in merely breaking new land or in improving the higher conditions of farming, such as horse breeding or dairying, there is a feeling of confidence in the future of agriculture which is a healthy condition for the whole community. prospects for new crops now that we have had rain are fairly good in the east, but still in doubt in Manitoba and the Territories; the winter season in the ranching country has been very favourable for cattle; the inducement in the east to raise hogs is unusual and the profit from intelligent horse breeding is once more satisfactory. During the 1899 over 40,000 immigrants entered Manitoba and the Territories, and in 1900 a much larger number is expected. The sales of land, as a natural consequence, are the highest yet recorded, and the average price paid for land also exceeds anything heretofore known in the North West. In British Columbia labour disputes have wrought heavy damage to properly interests, to the claims of labour itself, and to the reputation of the Province, but we must hope that better counsels will soon prevail and that the energies of those who desire to make it a great mining province will not be thwarted by a policy which is a benefit to none.

In the Yukon District the output of gold has carried Canada from a position of insignificance as a gold producer to the fifth position among other nations. From 1887 to 1894 inclusive, we produced only about a million dollars' worth of gold annually. For 1899 official records give us credit for \$18,000,000, counting the Yukon District as \$14,-Our own careful examination of assay office records, however, gives \$16,000,000 for the Yukon, making a total for Canada of \$20,000,000. This year the results will It is of course unfortunate for the Klondike be larger. region that the rush to Cape Nome in Alaska may lessen the supply of labour and thus prevent the reduction of wages to a more reasonable figure. But the adverse influence of this can only be temporary.

As we have so often been obliged to refer to the currency and other business conditions in the United States, it is a pleasure to record that at last the gold standard has been definitely confirmed by legislation. Although no attempt to improve the banking system in its principles has been made, the conditions of the present system have been rendered less unbearable by some amendments, and for the immediate future there will probably be sufficient currency for the wants of the people.

While we are greatly pleased to see our trade with Great Britain grow so rapidly it would be foolish to minimize the value of our relations with the United States. There are always some frank writers in that country who try to keep before the people the value of mutual good relations between the United States and the British Empire. In a recent number of the New York "Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin" a careful abstract is made of the foreign trade of the United States for the last 20 years, the actual figures being quoted for 32 countries, and in drawing some conclusions certain statements are made repeating. which are well worth After referring to the effort made by the United States move north and south make its trade stend of east and west the writer says: "Our largest and most profitable customers are in British America and Northern Europe. Our exports to British North America are greater than our exports to all South America." And regarding the value of the friendship we have referred to he says: "Our trade follows the British flag. The preced-"ing tables do not include the entire world, but of the (32) "enumerated countries the United Kingdom, British North "America, British West Indies, British India, British Aus-"tralasia and British Africa took 10,121 million dollars of "our exports in the 20 years, and all the rest of the world "took 6,944 millions."

The returns for 11 months of the fiscal year of the Dominion show that our foreign trade (imports and exports) amounted to \$325,000,000, or if the growth for the last month is the same as in 1899, about \$375,000,000 for the whole year. However small these figures may be by comparison with the great nations of the world, a foreign trade of a million dollars a day with the material comfort

to our fellow-countrymen which it produces, is to many of us who can remember the day of very small things in Canada a cause of profound thankfulness.

The motion for the adoption of the report was then put યાતી carried.

The number of Directors was by an amendment to the by-laws increased to nine.

The usual resolutions expressing the thanks of the shareholders to the President, Vice-President and Directors, and also to the General Manager, Assistant General Manager, and other officers of the Bank, were unanimously adopted.

The retiring Board of Directors was re-elected as follows: Hon. George A. Cox (President), Robert Kilgour (Vice-President), James Crathern, W. B. Hamilton, John Moskin, Q.C., LL.D., Matthew Leggat, and J. W. Flavelle. Two new Directors were also elected, namely, W. E. H. Massey and A. Kingman (Montreal). 127

BANK OF HAMILTON.

The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Hamilton was held on Monday, 18th June.

Mr. John Stuart took the chair and Mr. J. Turnbull acted as secretary.

The president, Mr. Stuart, submitted the annual report, which was as follows:

The directors beg to submit their annual report to the shareholders for the year ended 31st May, 1900: The Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account,

The profits for the year ended 31st May, 1900, after deducting charges of management and making provision for bad and doubtful debts, are 235.181.23

The premium received on new Stock (being at

\$380,311.92

367,878.93

359.818.51

From which have been declared: Dividend 4 per cent, paid 1st Decem-

Dividend 4 per cent., payable 1st June,

63,839.09 Carried to Reserve Fund from profits.. 100,000.00

Carried to Reserve Fund from Prem. on

neav Stock as above 134,119.92 Carried to Rebate on Current Bills

Written off Bank Premises account ... 5.000.00

Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward \$12,432.99 Subsequent to the last annual meeting it became evident to the directors that, to keep pace with the expansion of business and the demand for circulation, it would be necessary to increase the capital stock of the bank.

Authority was given at a special meeting for an increase from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000, and after the approval of the Treasury Board had been obtained, an issue was made of 2,500 shares at a premium of 66 per cent., which were duly allotted to existing shareholders and practically the whole A large proportion has already been paid, as taken up. the accounts show.

JOHN STUART, President.

. Hamilton, 8th June, 1900.

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GENERAL STATEMENT.

Liabilities.

To the Public.	
Notes of the Bank in circulation	
Deposits bearing interest \$7,453,514.54	
Deposits not bearing interest 2,476,804.78 Amount reserved for interest due	and professional
depositors 89,262.28	
Bajanees due to other Banks in Canada and the	And the state of
United States	631.94
Palanece due to agents of the Bank in Great	•4.5

Dividend No. 55, payable 1st June	
1900	63,839,00
Former Gividends unpaid	26.75

\$11,837,592.80

63,865.84

To the Shareholders:

Capital Stock, paid up (average of

Amount reserved for Rebate of In-

terest on Current Bills Discounted

40,000.00 Balance of profits carried forward. 12,432.99

\$2,989,764.91

\$14,827,357,.80

John Ber Assets. Gold and Silver Coin .. \$238,575,14 Dominion Government Notes 707,518.00 Deposit with the Dominion Government as Security for Note Circulation 70,000.00 Notes of and Cheques on other 279,400.49 Balances due from other Banks in Canada and the United States. 420,540.91 Canadian and British Government and other public securities .. 1,012,348.05 Loans at Call, or short Call, on negotiable Securities 1,390,109.93 \$4,118,492.52 Notes Discounted and Advances current . . . 10,194,122.49 Notes Discounted, etc., overdue (estimated loss provided for) 31,421.75 Bank Premises, Office Furniture, Safes, etc.... 403,797.08 Real Estate (other than Bank Premises), mort-35,866.79 Other assets not included under foregoing

> \$14,827,357,.80 J. TURNBULL, Cashier.

43,657,17

Bank of Hamilton,

Hamilton, May 31st, 1900.

In moving its adoption, Mr. Stuart said:

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Fellow Shareholders and Gentlemen: I have pleasure indeed in laying before you this annual report, probably the best in the history of the bank and there have been many good reports. The present is an exceptionally good one, and you will see that the figures are growing still-larger capital, larger reserve, larger deposits, larger business, and best of all, larger profits. It is customary for some banks to print, side by side, with the annual statement, the figures of the previous year. I have jotted them down here, and believe you will find them interesting.

Mr. Stuart mentioned various items of increase in detail, and then proceeded to refer to the circumstances under which the increase of stock was made. It was not anticipated at the last annual meeting that that step would be required, but there was a very general increase of business throughout the country, and before the year had advanced very far it became necessary to consider the question of making an increase, and to ask the shareholders to sanc-This was done and the new stock was apportioned in proportion to the shares held. It was taken up by nearly all the shareholders and had been nearly all paid up. At the present time half the increase authorized has been issued, and, at a future time, as circumstances may demand, there will be another issue, making the total paidup capital \$2,000,000. I have here a statement of the bank's business prepared by Mr. Turnbull. It shows that, year by year, since the bank was established, a steady progress has been made, especially during the past five years. Since 1590 the deposits have grown from \$3,550,000 to \$10,000,-000, or almost three times as much, and since 1895 from \$5,500,000, or nearly double in that time. The percentage of carnings has kept pace with the other increases, which is better than one might almost expect, for it does not always follow that in proportion to the increase of capital, the carmings also increase.

Mr. A. G. Ramsay seconded Mr. Stuart's motion to adopt the report, saying: "The report presented is so favorable and satisfactory that nothing need be added beyond what I am sure you will be glad to re-Mr. Stoart has said. ceive such a report and it is a great pleasure to me to have have the opportunity to second its adoption."

The motion carried.

The usual vote of thanks to President and Directors was moved by Mr. William Hendrie, seconded by Mr. F. W. Gates, and carried.

That to the officers of the Bank was moved by Mr. Samuel Barker, seconded by Mr. John A. Bruce, and carried.

For the election of Directors for the current year Messrs. F. H. Lamb and R. S. Morris were appointed scrutineers; they reported the re-election of the previous Board, as follows: Messrs. John Stuart, A. G. Ramsay, John Proctor, George Roach, A. T. Wood, M.P., A. B. Lee, and Wm. Gibson, M.P.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board Mr. John Stuart was re-elected President, and Mr. A. G. Ramsay Vice-President.

THE HOCHELAGA BANK.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of shareholders of the Hochelaga Bank was held on Friday, the 15th instant, at noon, at the head offices of the bank in this city. Mr. F. X. St. Charles, president, occupied the chair, while Mr. M. J. A. Prendergast, general manager, acted as secretary. The secretary of the meeting, having read the advertisement in the Canadian Gazette, convoking the meeting, Messrs, J. P. Lebel and Pierre Doucet were appointed scrutineers, the motion having been proposed by the Hon. J. D. Rolland and seconded by Mr. Raza. The twenty-sixth annual report was then read as follows:

To the Shareholders of the Hochelaga Bank:

Gentlemen,-Your directors have the honor to submit to you the result of the financial year, terminating 31st of May last,

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Credit.

Balance at credit Profit and Loss account 31st May, 1899.. \$2,497.93 Net profits for the year, after deducting costs of management, interest accrued on deposits, and provision for bad and doubtful debts 139,037.44 Premium on New Stock 74,898.00

Debit.

\$216,433.37

Dividend paid 1st December, 1899 .. \$46,829.53 Dividend payable 1st June, 1900 . . . 52,050.81 Balance at eredit Profit and Loss, 31st

2,553.03

As will be seen from the preceding statement, a short time after your last annual meeting, following serious events upon which it is useless to comment, your directors, in order to meet the wants of a growing clientele, thought fit to issue \$250,000 new stock at 130, i.e., 30 per cent. pre-The profit and loss account, and the following mium. statement will convey to you the result of this issue.

F. X. ST. CHARLES, President. (Signed), GENERAL STATEMENT, MAY 31ST, 1900.

Liabilities.
Capital Stock paid up\$1,499,660.00
Reserve Fund 680,000.00
Profit and Loss 2,553.03
Guarantee Fund 20,000.00
Unclaimed dividends 787.92
Dividend payable 1st June, 1900 52,050.81
\$2,255,051.76
Balance due to other Banks in Eng-
land and in foreign countries 16,335.31
Balance due to other Banks in Can-
odo 161 48

Notes in circulation 1,335,763.00

cies on H	ead Office	 · · · <u> </u>	74,843.87	7,180,103.53
			100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100	89,435,155.29

Specie \$163,660.11
Dominion Notes 824,751.00
Notes and cheques of other Banks. 467,176.16
Due by other Banks in Canada 43,022.47
Due by other banks in England 82,038.08
Due by other Banks in foreign coun-
tries
Dominion of Canada Debentures 427,299.17
Province of Quebec Debentures 253,059.44
Call loans on Bonds and Stocks 628,444.89
Deposit with Dominion Government
for security of circulation 53,120.00 3,229,878.74

Notes discounted and current.... 5,951,653.23 Overdue debts (loss provided for.).. 3,733.05 Other debts guaranteed by mortgages 54.838.76 or other securities Mortgages on properties sold by the Bank 49,664.90 Real Estate 43,789.26 Bank premises, office fixtures and 101,597.35 6,205,276.55 other assets

\$9,435,155.29

M. J .A. PRENDERGAST,

General Manager.

Mr. F. X. St. Charles then moved, seconded by Mr. Robert Bickerdike, that the report be adopted as read.—Carried. Mr. Edward J. Fiske then moved, seconded by Mr. G.

Deserres, that the thanks of the shareholders are due the President, Vice-President and Directors for the good administration of the bank's affairs during the financial year just brought to a close.—Adopted.

It was moved by Mr. J. D. Larue, seconded by Mr. F. G. Crepeau, that the thanks of the meeting be voted to the General Manager, the Assistant Manager and the other officers of the bank for the zeal displayed in the accomplishment of their respective duties.—Carried.

It was proposed by Mr. Alfred St. Cyr, seconded by Mr. J. T. Lebel, that the meeting now proceed to the election of directors for this bank for the current year and that to this end one ballot be cast and that this ballot be considered as representing the decision of the meeting.-Car-

The scrutineers then presented the following report: We, the undersigned scrutineers, duly appointed at the annual meeting of shareholders of the Hochelaga Bank, this day, declare the following gentlemen elected directors of this bank for the current year, viz.: F. X. St. Charles, Robert Bickerdike, Charles Chaput, J. D. Rolland, and J. A. Vaillancourt.

Montreal, June 15th, 1900.

(Signed), PIERRE DOUCET,

(Signed), J. P. LEBEL, Scrutineers. It was then proposed by Hon. J. D. Rolland, seconded by

Mr. J. B. Larue, that the Directors of the Bank be authorized to establish a Pension Fund for the officers and employees of the Bank and their families, and to prepare to this end all the statutes and rules that they may judge necessary, and to contribute to this Pension Fund by means of the Bank's funds in the measure that they may judge appropriate.—Carried.

It was proposed by Mr. A. Raza and seconded by Mr. G. Deserres, that the report of this meeting be printed and distributed to the shareholders for their information. Carried.

The meeting of shareholders then adjourned.

Amongst those present at the annual meeting were:-Messrs. F. X. St. Charles, Robert Bickerdike, Charles Chaput, Hon. J. D. Rolland, J. A. Vaillancourt, A. Raza, J. B. Larue, J. P. Lebel, F. G. Crepeau, Alfred St. Cyr, Edward J. Fiske, Gasp. Deserres, and others.

At a subsequent meeting of directors of the Hochelaga

Bank Mr. F. X. St. Charles was re-elected President and Mr. Robert was elected Vice-President for the current year. (Signed), M. J. A. PRENDERGAST,

Secretary and Manager.

Montreal, June 15th, 1900.

UNION BANK OF CANADA.

The thirty-fifth annual general meeting of Shareholders of this institution was held at the Banking House in Quebee, on Thursday, June 14th, 1900.

There were present: Messrs. Andrew Thomson, E. J. Hale, D. C. Thomson, Edmond Giroux, William Price, James King, Hon. John Sharples, Messrs. George H. Thomson, C. P. Champion, David Smith, J. H. Simmons, John Shaw, William Brodie, Harold Kennedy, Arthur E. Scott, A. J. Messervey, J. I. Lavery, Lieut.-Col. J. F. Turnbull, and Captain Wm. H. Carter: The President, Andrew Thomson, Esq., took the chair, and requested Mr. Fred. W. Smith, to act as secretary, and Messrs. John Shaw, and C. P. Champion as scrutineers, which was agreed to.

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The Chairman read the report of the Directors, which was as follows:

The Directors beg to submit a statement of the assets and liabilities of the bank at the close of the financial year ending 31st May last, also the following statement of the result of the business for the past year:

Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account on

\$196,040,38

Which has been appropriated as follows:		
Dividend No. 66, Three Per cent	٠.	\$60,000.00
Dividend No. 67, Three Per cent	٠.	\$60,000.00
Transferred to Reserve Fund		50,000.00
Subscription to Canadian Patriotic Fund		1,000.00
Balance carried forward	• •	25,040.38

\$196,040.38

The business of the year has been satisfactory, and from profits obtained an addition of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars has been made to the Rest Account, which now amounts to five hundred thousand (\$500,000) dollars.

During the year the Ottawa branch of the Bank was closed, and branches were opened at Pincher Creek, and Yorkton in the North West Territories with satisfactory results.

The Directors have to record with much regret the death during the past year, of the Hon. E. J. Price, for many years an esteemed member of the Board, and at the time of his death Vice-President of the Bank, the vacancy on the Board was filled by the election of William Price, Esq.

The usual inspection of Head Office and Branches of the Bank has been made during the year.

A. THOMSON, President.

Quebec, June 14th, 1900.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Liabilities.

Capital stock	. \$2,000,000.00
Reserve fund \$500,00	00
Balance of profit and loss account	
earried forward	38
Reserved for interest and exchange 19,476.1	13
Reserved for rebate of interest on	
bills discounted 28,601	.26 573,117.77
Notes of the bank in circulation\$1,558,827.0	00
Deposits not bearing interest 1,411,799.5	9 7
Deposits bearing interest 5,161,837.3	5-1
Balances due agents in Great	
Britain	.01
Dividends unclaimed 596.	61
Dividend No. 67 60,000	.00
	8,428,071.13

Assets.	
Specie	\$243,012.88 · · ·
Dominion Government notes	508,893.00
Deposit with Dominion Government	
for security of note circulation.	
Notes of and cheques on other	
banks	196,319,82
Palances due by other banks in	n
Canada	21,056.67
Balances due by agents in United	
States	179,993.17
Municipal and other bonds	128,812.66
Call leans on bonds and stocks	535,490.11
-	\$1,893,578.31
Other loans and bills discounted cur-	
rent	8,647,910.49
Cverdue debts (estimated loss nil).	39,724.19
Real estate other than bank prem-	
ises	118,870.51
Mortgages on real estate sold by the	
Bank	. 11,005.40
Dank premises and furniture	280,000.00
Cther assets	10,100.00
	9,107,610.59
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\$11,001,188.90

E. E. WEBB,

General Manager.

Quebec, May 31st, 1900.

It was then moved by Andrew Thomson, Esq., seconded by James King, Esq.: "That the report submitted to this meeting be adopted and printed for distribution among the shareholders."—Carried.

Moved by Lieut-Col. J. F. Turnbull, seconded by Hon. John Sharples: "That the thanks of this meeting are due, and are hereby tendered to the General Manager, Managers and other officers of the bank, for their careful attention to its affairs."—Carried.

Moved by William Brodie, Esq., seconded by David Smith, Esq.: "That the meeting now proceed to the election of directors for the ensuing year, and that the ballot-box for the receipt of votes be kept open until one o'clock or until five minutes have elapsed without a vote being offered, during which time proceedings be suspended."—Carried.

The scrutineers appointed at the meeting reported that the following gentlemen were elected Directors of the Bank for the ensuing year:—Messrs. D. C. Thomson, E. J. Hale, Edmond Giroux, Andrew Thomson, James King, Hon. John Sharples and Wm. Price.

Votes of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, and to the scrutineers, terminated the proceedings.

FRED. W. SMITH, Secretary.

THE ONTARIO BANK.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Ontario Bank was held at the Banking house, Toronto, on Tuesday, June 19th, 1900.

Among those present were: Messrs. G. R. R. Cockburn, Donald MacKay, Hon. J. C. Aikins, J. K. Macdonald, R. Grass, F. B. Polson, Cephas Goode, Henry Lowndes, A. S. Irving, A. P. Choate, F. M. Purdy, Walter Barwick, J. K. Niven, R. D. Perry, A. E. Wallace, H. S. Scott, and others.

On motion Mr. G. R. R. Cockburn was called to the chair, and Mr. McGill was requested to act as Secretary. Messrs. J. K. Macdonald and F. M. Purdy were appointed scrutineers.

At the request of the Chairman, the Secretary read the following report:

The Directors beg to present to the Shareholders the 43rd Annual Report, for the year ending 31st May, 1900, together with the usual statement of Assets and Liabilities.

The net profits, after deducting Charges of Management, interest accrued upon deposits, and making provision for all bad and doubtful debts,

\$166,237.27



Dividend 21/2 per cent. paid 1st Dec., 1899.\$25,000.00 Dividend 21/2 per cent., payable 1st June, Reserved for Officers' Guarantee Fund. 5,000.00 Taxes paid to Provincial Governments... 2,550.00 Contribution to Canadian Patriotic Fund. 1,000.00 -\$148,550,00 Balance of profits carried forward \$17,687.27 GENERAL STATEMENT. Liabilities. 200,000.00 Rest Balance of Profits carried forward .. 17,687.27 Dividends unclaimed 577.31 Dividend payable 1st June, 1900.. .. 25,000.00 Reserved for Interest and Exchange. 99.336.73 - 1,342,601.31 Notes in circulation 985,101.00 Deposits not bearing interest 1,336,603.09 Deposits bearing interest 5,717,527.68 Due to Agents of Bank in Great 222,686.94 Britain 8,261,918.71 \$9,604,520.02 Assets. Gold and Silver Coin \$89,496.99 Government Demand Notes 410,275.75 306,499.08 Notes of and Cheques on other Banks Balances due from Banks in Canada... 88,522.13 Balances due from banks in United 386,246.09 Deposit with Dominion Government for security of Note Circulation .. 50,000.00 Municipal and other Debentures.... 608,943,93 Call Loans on Stocks and Bonds.. .. 417,161.29 - 2.357.145.26 Bills Discounted and Current Loans. 7,048,458.28 Overdue Debts 1,216.48 Real Estate (other than Bank Prem-30,000.00 Mortgages on Real Estate Sold 7,700.00 Bank Premises (including Furniture, 160,000.00 Safes, etc.) 7,247,374.76

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After a few remarks by the President the report was adopted.

A by-law authorizing the increase of the capital stock to \$1,500,000.00 was adopted.

By resolution the sum of \$5,000 was granted to the Officers' Guarantee Fund of the Officero Bank.

The scrutineers appointed at the meeting subsequently reported the following gentlemen duly elected Directors for the ensuing year, viz.:—Messrs. G. R. R. Cockburn, Donald MacKay, Hon. J. C. Aikins, A. S. Irving, R. D. Perry, D. Ullyot, and John Hallam.

The new Board met the same afternoon, when Mr. G. R. R. Cockburn was elected President and Mr. Donald MacKay Vice-President.

C. McGILL, General Manager.

The Ontario Bank, Toronto, June 19, 1900.

THE TRADERS' BANK OF CANADA.

Proceedings of the Fifteenth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, held at its Banking house in Toronto, on Tuesday, the 19th June, 1900.

The chair was taken by the President, Mr. C. D. Warren, and the General Manager was requested to act as Secretary, when the following statement was read:

The net profits for the year, after making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts, and

Palance at credit of Profit and Loss new account. 14,511.67

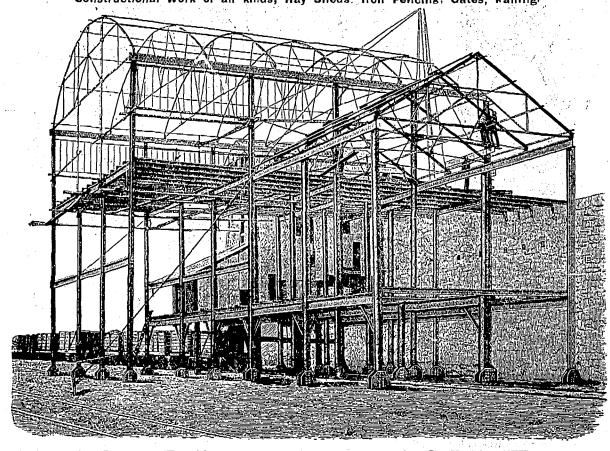
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premiums received on new stock) on an average paid-up capital for the year of \$870,833, were 14.21 per cent. Deposits during the year under review show an increase of

The lamented death in February last of Mr. George E. Tuckett left a vacancy on the board which was filled by the appointment of the Hon. J. R. Stratton to the vacant

A by-law will be submitted for your approval, increasing the Capital Stock by 50,000 shares, representing \$500,000, which will be allotted to the shareholders when in the opinion of your Directors the business of the Bank may make such allotment necessary.

The Head Office and all the Branches have received their usual careful inspections.

The officers of the Bank have performed their respective duties to the satisfaction of your Directors.

C. D. WARREN, President.

GENERAL STATEMENT, 31ST MAY, 1900.

Liabilities.

Capital Stock paid up \$1,000,000,000	
Rest Account	
Dividend No. 29, payable 1st June. 29,138.15	
Former Dividends unpaid 200.16	
Interest Accrued on Deposit Re-	
ceipts	
Balance of Profits carried forward. 14,511.67	
\$1,202,6	53S.GO
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Notes of the Bank in Circulation, \$987,440,00 Deposits bearing interest, including

interest accrued to date, \$5,757,-134.52; Deposits not bearing in-

terest, \$770,939.86 6,528,074.38

Balance due London Agents... 459,008.91

7,974,523.20 \$9,177,061.89

Gold and Silver Coin Current	\$132,175.24
Dominion Government Demand	
Notes	333,501.00
Notes of and Cheques on other	
Banks	171,029.78
l'alances due from other banks .	181,486.64
Balances due from foreign agents.	33,535.98
Dominion and Provincial Govern-	
ment securities and other bonds	684,170.56

Assets.

171,029.78 181,486.64 38,535.98 684,170.56 Call and Short Loans on Bonds and

other securities 3,104,681.68 -\$4,640,580.SS

Bills discounted current, ..\$4,316,992.04 Notes discounted overdue (estimated loss provided for) 4,826,56 Deposit with Dominion Government for Security of general bank note circulation (now increased to \$50,000) 36,050,22 Mortgages on real estate sold by the : 100.00

Real Estate, the property of the Bank (other than Bank premises) Bank Premises (including safes, of-

fice furniture, etc.)......

170.162.19 \$4,536,481.01

\$9,177,061.89

H. S. STRATITY. General Manager.

8,350.00

Toronto, 31st May, 1900.

The by-law increasing the Capital Stock by \$500,000 was: approved of by the shareholders.

The donation of \$1,000, given in aid of the Canadian Pabriotic Fund, was also approved.

The usual resolutions were moved and adopted.

The scrutineers reported the following gentlemen duly

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elected to act as Directors for the ensuing year, viz.:—C. D. Warren, John Drynan, W. J. Thomas, C. Kloepfer, M.P. (Guelph), J. H. Beatty (Thorold), Honorable J. R. Stratton. At a subsequent meeting of the newly-elected Directors, Mr. C. D. Warren was re-elected President, and Mr. John Drynan, Vice-President, by an unanimous vote.

Lorrespondence.

ELASTIC FIGURES.

To the Editor of the Journal of Commerce:

Mr. Editor:-Why will a man pay \$75,000 for what he can buy for \$45,000? At a meeting of a mining company held lately in this city, a certain director, on asking for figures, was told by some of his co-directors that that the mine was producing a large quantity of gold every month; also that there was a good balance in the treasury-\$40,-000-more or less. But this director manages a large wholesale business, and is accustomed to see things in black and white. If a customer owes him \$139.62 he doesn't owe him \$140.00. So he ignorantly thought that a mine should be run on that same principle. One of his codirectors said that there were 50,000 shares in the treasury, and he would give \$1.50 per share for them now, as he had faith in the mine. On that day the stock could be bought on the street for 90 cents. The merchant, who had made his money slowly selling hardware, thought that it was a good sale for the company, and had a resolution passed at once and signed, to deliver the stock at that price-\$1.50. He did not understand why a man should throw away \$30,000, but of course he was only a hardware merchant, and did not understand how mines are run. He now insists upon having a detailed statement of all receipts and disbursements since the opening of the mine, with vouchers. Moral—Don't appoint inquisitive directors on a board. A MINER.

A VALUABLE TESTIMONIAL.

New York, N.Y., June 19th, 1900.

M. S., Foley, Esq.,

Editor of the "Journal of Commerce,"

Montreal, Canada.

Dear Sir,—We have much pleasure in testifying to the fact that our advertisement in the "Journal of Commerce" has resulted in a considerable number of orders from Canada, where we began to introduce our system of fire-proofing about a year ago. The recent test of the fire-proof-character of the Bellevue Apartments building, we see has

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Guelph, Ont., 18.—Barn of Andrew Jackson, Paisley Block burned. Loss about \$2,000; fully insured in Guelph Township Co., and Wellington Mutual.—Pointe aux Esquimaux, Que, 18.—Connors' general-store, with large quantity of lobsters, fishing tackle, etc., burned. No insurance.-St. Rochs, Que., 18 .- Charest's bakery and confectionery store, burned; also a number of buildings adjoining. Loss about \$10,000. Adjoining building occupied by Mrs. P. Hamel, I. Aubert, and Arthur Rinfret, grocer. Building was the property of Mr. P. Hamel, and was insured for \$2,600 iu the Liverpool, London & Globe. Mr. Rinfret has \$1,000 in the Phoenix of Hartford on his furniture, and \$2,200 on his stock in Queen's and Phoenix of Hartford companies. Mr. Charest's loss is about \$5,000, partly insured .- Portage la Prairie, Man., 19.—Warehouse, in rear of Lafferty block, burned. Owned by Martin & Curtis.—Sincoe, Ont., 19.— Fire destroyed barn belonging to Mrs. Walsh, together with the two adjacent barns, owned by Mr. Langtry and Chas. Mason, and two barns leased by J. T. Price, grocer, John Beaupre, totally destroyed. Later fire broke out in house belonging to Wm. Burl, destroying it. Both fires are believed to have been of incendiary origin. Loss and insurance unknown.-Winnipeg, Man., 20.-Storehouse and stables of W. F. Lee burned, with small house adjoin-Loss about \$5,000; partial insurance.

LEGAL RECORD.

The following is a record of transactions and cases in our Canadian courts of law, comprising Writs Issued and Judgments Rendered for sums of \$300 and upwards (Montreal, from \$175 and upwards), and Chattel Montgages and Bills of Sale (for sums of \$550 and upwards), as taken from the public records. It will be understood that the actions or items do not necessarily affect the credit and soundness of the persons or concerns named, as they may have been paid or otherwise settled, and that good defence may exist in case of writs, etc.:

WRITS ISSUED-ONTARIO.

Gwillimbury N. Tp.—Toronto General Trusts Corporation vs J. Stiles, \$355; Lindsay—W. S. Morrison vs S. G. Parkin, \$561; Maryborough—C. Freeman vs S. Campbell, \$2,000; Ottawa—C. W. Mitchell vs Adeline L. Armstrong

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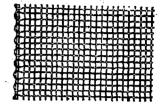
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& T. McVeity, \$319; Winnipeg-R. Kell vs Parsons Produce Co., \$402; Guelph-II. McKay & Co. vs J. M. Doran, \$360; Howard Tp.-Sara Mucle vs A. C. McKerracher, \$517; Merriton-Mary A. Oswald vs R. Leeson, \$6,000; Otombee-J. I. Landy vs J. G. Weir, \$385; Sheffield Tp.-Annie Connors vs A. Stewart, \$2,000; Toronto-R. N. Sterling vs Diamond Muchine & Serew Co., Ltd., et al, \$4,068; D. McLeod vs Liverpool; London & Globe Ins. Co., \$1,500; E. R. C. Clarkson et al vs J. B. Miller, \$6,402; D. MeLeod vs Northern Assee, Co., \$1,000; Imperial Bank vs A. Y. Scott, \$1,341; D. McLeod, vs Union Assec. Co., \$1,000; Westminster Tp .-L. L. Abey vs W. Cousin, \$1,331; Annie Cousin vs W. Cousin, \$1,010; Janet Mansfield vs W. Cousin, \$1,156; Indianapolis, U.S.-F. J. Huchinson et al vs E. E. Crook, \$2,500; Arthur-Elizth, Cummings vs C. B. Coughlin exr, \$1,109; Chinguacousy-Susan Austin vs R. & Fannie A. Wilson, \$4,776; Cobourg—Annie M. Ryan vs Cecilia Doheny exrx, \$1,165; Glencoe—Harvey Van Norman Co. vs McKeller Co., \$1,140; Gower S. Tp.-W. J. Stewart vs R. McGovern, \$1,000; Hamilton-J. F. Wilson vs R. W. Gray, \$1,000; T. Hobson vs J. Lewis, \$402; G. H. Gooderham vs S. Onderdonk, \$430; Kingston-D. W. Thompson & Co., vs F. C. Marshall, \$405; Maple-J. Whimster vs H. Marsh, \$344; Oxford Tp.-Ida Magee vs J. & W. J. Flannigan, \$2,147; Prescott-J. McDonald & Co. vs J. A. Mundle admr., \$509; Lailey, Watson & Bond vs J. A. Mundle admr., \$1,526; Pucblo, Col.-Toronto Gen. Trusts vs A. & M. Wells, \$26,585; Streetsville-T. D. Douglas vs Imperial Woollen Mills Co., Ltd., \$385; Toronto Tp.-D. Dougherty vs B. Dougherty, \$3,068; Toronto-Toronto Gen. Trusts vs W. H. Marcon exr, \$2,628; A. Ives & Sons vs H. J. Scott, \$1,719 B. Heyden vs T. R. & J. Stafford, \$731; Toronto Gen. Trusts vs T. & E. Taylor, \$9,325.

WRITS ISSUED-BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Vancouver—British Columbia Portland Cement Co., \$22,000 and \$670; Parsons Poduce Co., \$15,424.

WRITS ISSUED-MANITOBA & N. W. T.

Birtle—Ruttan & Fitzpatrick, \$410; Carman—Hemmenway & Waller, \$444.

JUDGMENTS RENDERED-ONTARIO.

North Gower Tp.—G. B. Magee agt Mary A. & R. H. Andrews, \$822; Peterborough—J. Johnston & Co. agt R. H. Kells & Co., \$533; Toronto—The Matanzas Tobacco Co. agt G. G. McPherson, \$517; Edmonton, Man.—J. P. Lewis agt J. W. Turner, \$846; Hamilton—Synod of Diocese of Niagara agt W. Wickinson et al, \$2,217; Lochiel Tp.—Atlas Loan Co. agt J. Hambleton, \$1,771; Plympton Tp.—F. F. Pardee agt W. Stephenson, \$359; Toronto—Taylor Bros. agt A. Delaporte, \$1,073; Ottawa—R. Roggow agt Anna Mathman, \$2,545; J. C. McLaren Belting Co. agt McKee Machinery & Lumber Co., Ltd., \$323;—M. J. Colton agt W. H. Young, admr., \$350; Guelph—Charlotte M. Scarff et al agt W. H. Miliman, \$2,001; Toronto—J. Stephens agt J. Ryan et al, \$3,000.

JUDGMENTS RENDERED-QUEBEC.

Acton Vale-Town of Westmount agt C. Roussin, \$385; Montreal-Mason & Risch Piano Co. agt II. Cabana, \$175; J. H. Redfern et al agt V. St. Andre, \$507; S. T. Duclos et al agt Thompson Shoe Co., \$2,176; St. Roch de Mekinac-Dmc. Olive Vallee agt O. Lachance, sr., \$366; Ste. Therese -Dme. F. A. McDonald et vir agt A. McDonald et al, \$1,-879; Montreal-Ontario Bank agt J. H. Bell et al, \$256; A. H. B. Mackenzie agt A. G. Daughty, et al, \$244; L. Richard agt J. E. Decastian, \$2,136; Pallascio Hardware Co. agt H. Gongeon, \$1,128; Sun Life Assce. Co. agt W. Reid et al,\$62,166; W. M. F. Kelly agt A. Sutherland, \$235; U.S. Heater Co. agt Thompson Shoe Co., \$1,468; L. W. Sicotte, jr., et al agt R. Warren, \$445; Fraserville-U. Garand et al ngt A. Lapalmer, \$421; Hemmingford—The Linde British Refrigeration Co. agt \$2,750; Montreal-J. A. Hurteau agt Atlantic & Lake Superior Ry. Co. et al, \$299; J. A. Hurteau agt Atlantic & Lake Superior Ry. Co., et al, \$299; Mtl. Loan and Mortgage C.o agt M. Guerin. \$1,375; Mtl. Loan and Mtge. Co. agt Mary Kenna esql, \$2,-552; U. Garand et al agt W. G. Garand et al, \$277; U. Garand et al agt D. Seath et al, \$573; Trust & Loan Co. agt L. M. Tetrault, \$320.

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JUDGMENTS RENDERED—BRITISH COLUMBIA.
Victoria—S. N. Reid, \$961; Rossland—J. F. Ritchie, \$325.
JUDGMENTS RENDERED—NOVA SCOTIA.

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Grafton—W. W. Bowles, \$674; Middleton—Middleton
Woodworking Co., Ltd., \$2,256.

JUDGMENTS RENDERED—NEW BRUNSWICK. St. John—H. R. McLellan, \$934.

EXECUTIONS—QUEBEC.

Montreal—Ontario Bank agt J. A. Bell et al, \$361; W. B. Lambe esql agt J. Herbert et al, \$261; J. B. Mongenais et al agt W. A. Weir, \$179; St. Henri—Royal Institution agt H. Gougeon, \$574; Westmount—C. Bourdon agt G. Bradshaw, \$425; Montreal—Royal Institution agt H. Gougeon, \$591; C. Nash agt R. Guertin, \$515; J. A. Drouin agt W. Lamarre, \$319; Royal Institution agt Dme. May Quinn et vir, \$21,111; St. Henri—E. Pauze agt E. Paquin, \$2,084; W. Jacobs agt W. H. Beamen, \$187; R. Lafontaine agt J. Gagnon, \$179; J. A. Laramee agt Delle. M. C. H. Hubert et al, \$11,000; Pointe Claire—Delle. C. Letang agt I. Charlebois et al, \$1,858; Dme. P. Mitchell agt I. Charlebois et al, \$1,858. CHATTEL MORTGAGES—ONTARIO.

Gwillimbury E. Tp.-E. Traviss and wife to J. Steeper, \$579; Kingston-F. White to T. M. Fenwick, \$583; Little Current-W. D. Ritchie to Telfer Bros., \$896; Owen Sound -E. A. Matthews to Grey & Bruce Loan Co., \$1,969; Oxford E.-C. Boyle to R. R. Pringle, \$4,030; Picton-J. D. and Annie J. Murray to N. Kellar, \$600; Spragge Tp.-W. D. Lummis to G. J. Cooke, \$50,950; Toronto-G. S. Booth and wife to T. B. Taylor, \$3,584; H. Butwell to R. Carroll, \$1,-500; D. G. Chestnut to J. K. Macdonald, \$729; Westminster Tp.-I. J. Millson to C. Millson et mar, \$1,300; Wiarton-B. B. Miller to Union Bank of Canada, \$907; Windsor-E. Bedford to J. Sale, \$5,279; Etobicoke Tp. — J. Goodwin to O'Keef Brewing Co., \$721; Fergus — Rutledge, Smith & Co. to R. I. Paterson \$1,000; Tp.-Mary A. Lundy to S. H. Lundy et al, \$597; Napance-Caroline and S. Loynes to Mills & Cunningham, \$1,678; North Toronto-W. H. Minns to Toronto Brewing & M. Co., \$1,368; Owen Sound-J. Oatt to Telford & Co., \$999; Richmond Tp.-W. Arnold to M. C. Bogart, \$600; Saltfleet Tp.-T. Borden, jr., to Sawyer & Massey Co., Ltd., \$707; Simcoe-E. C. Symons to B. Cammell, \$795; Thorold-M. Kennedy to A. Fairlie, \$1,700; Toronto-G. S. Booth and wife to Dom. Brewery Co., Ltd., \$3,584; R. E. Kingsford to J. K. Fisken, \$675; G. H. Lemon to Toronto Brew. & M. Co., \$1,522; J. F. Ross to O. Dunn, \$2,000; Windsor-H. Hamilton to J. R. Tourangeau, \$3,045;-G. F. Legge to A. E. Lindsay et al, \$696; Albion Tp.-Mrs. Maggie R. Gray to R. M. and J. G. Gray, \$718; Dunnville-W. Holt et al to J. Forester, \$1,000; Hepworth—W. Kreutzwisser to Can. Per. L. & S. Co., \$1,708; Nottawasaga Tp.— J. Thompson et al to Sawyer & Massey, \$581; Rodneý

W. J. Young and G. W. Thexton to E. A. Hugill, \$1,550; Shelburne—A. Wright et al to Exrs. J. Jelly est et al, \$2,000; St. Thomas—W. H. Walsh to W. Warnock, \$1,424; Tara—S. E. Putnam to T. J. McNally, \$1,160; Toronto—Mrs. Jennie Mossop to J. E. Seagram, \$5,500.

CHATTEL MORTGAGES—MANITOBA & N.W.T. Emerson—S. A. Hamilton, \$1,973; Glenboro—J. W. Cochrane, \$4,000; Carman—Hemmenway & Waller, \$9,800. CHATTEL MORTGAGES—BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Golden—F. A. Mulholland, \$750; Revelstoke—Revelstoke Water, Light & Power Co., Ltd., \$25,000; Victoria—Meiss &

Souden, \$650; Rossland—H. P. Jones, \$550. BILLS OF SALE—ONTARIO.

London—Western Ontario Hat Works to J. R. Shuttleworth, \$1,539; Pt. Arthur—J. A. McCuaig to Marks, Clavet, Dovie & Co., \$800; Wales—Mrs. M. Riddley to J. M. Campbell R. A. Pringle, \$2,173; Aurora—S. H. Lundy et al exr to Mary Ann Lundy, \$600; St. Thomas—E. E. Ingram to W. Storey et al, \$4,500; Woodstock—G. F. Ingram to Charlotte A. Ingram, \$1,000; Lucknow—R. Hughes to A. Matheson, \$2,522; Oxford Tp.—W. Connell to J. S. Price, \$1,700; Rodney—E. A. Hugill to W. J. Young et al, \$2,500.

BILLS OF SALE-BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Golden-T. McNaught, \$1,000.

BILLS OF SALE-MANITOBA & N.W.T.

Winnipeg-Miss A. Killeen, \$800.

BILLS OF SALE—NOVA SCOTIA.

Annapolis-S. Riordon to D. C. Riordon, \$4,000.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

Ontario.—Tilson & Whitten, hdwre, Bracebridge, succeeded by J. Whitten; R. Hughes, shoes, Lucknow, sold out to R. Matheson; J. W. Green, printer, Tavistock, quit business; Cressman & Co., general store, Hanover, have sold out; Waite & Rieder, jewellery, Simcoe, moved to Woodstock; R. Hickman & Co., gro., Toronto, advertise business for sale; R. J. Lund, grist mill, Comber, moved to Baltimore; R. P. Wright, gro., and shoes, Dresden, sold out; Armitage & Lee, dry goods, Orangeville, succeeded by F. Ritchie.

Quebec.—Vito Mnfg. Co., Montreal, P. H. Barclay, sole owner; Progress Mnfg. Co., mfrs. ladies' wear, Montreal, dissolved, and new co-partmership registered; National; Pulp & Paper Co., Montreal, seeking incorporation; Canadian Packing & Bottling Co., Plessisville, partnership registered; Pare & Lavoie, general store, St. Joseph de Maskinonge, dissolved.

Manitoba & N.W.T.—Standing & Co., general store, Belmont, giving up business; M. Hamilton, baker and confec., Gladstone, succeeded by Lunn & Co.; G. H. Rodgers & Co., clo., etc., Winnipeg, stock purchased by G. H. Rodgers Co.

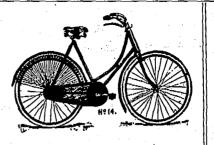
British Columbia.—Hopkins & McLean, general store, Kamloops, going out of men's furnishings; S. Reid, clo.,

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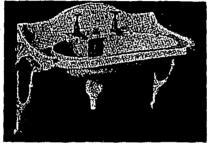
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etc., Victoria, succeeded by S. Reid Co., Ltd.; Mrs. E. H. Small, millinery, fancy goods, etc., Victoria, sold out to D. Spencer; Harvey, Bailey & Co., general store, Asheroft and Enderby, dissolved; H. W. Harvey continues Enderby business.

Nova Scotia.—J. P. Kent, harness, Middle Musquodoboit, sold out to C. E. McCurdy; W. A. Piggott, general store, Granville Ferry, selling off to close business.

New Brunswick.—G. Gardiner, fish, St. Andrews, J. Doone, admitted a partner as Gardiner & Doone; A. A. McClaskey & Son, whol. cigars, and confec., St. John, applying for incorporation.

RECENT FIRES.

Rossland, B.C., June 14.—Southern Hotel, at Trail, burned. Cause explosion of lamp. Loss about \$2,000 .- Clifford, Ont., 14.-W. S. Dance's saw and planing mill burned. Loss \$3,000. Cause unknown. Insured for \$1,000 in Wellington Mutual.—Halifax, N.S., 14.—The Park Hotel, at Glace Bay, burned.-Carman, Man., 15.-The Jackling's block and McGinnis' stable burned. Loss \$3,000.—Quebec, 17.—Residence of M. Lefebyre, damaged. Loss about \$1,800.—Quebec, 18.-A. Poliquin's grocery badly damaged.-Winnipeg, 16.—The large grain elevators of Bready, Love & Tron and Deyell & Co., at Killarney, totally destroyed, including about 20,000 bushels of wheat.-Montreal, 18-Grocery stock of Jas. Dion damaged .- Lucknow, Ont., 17 .- Barn and implements of James Irwin, burned. Cause unknown. about \$1,200; insured for \$900.-Lakefield, Ont., 18.-Queen's Hotel, occupied by R. J. Munro, burned, with all contents. Insurance on latter \$2,500 in Royal. Building insured in the Gore.

-Bedford, Que., Notes.—Some 250 to 300 packages of creamery butter sold this week at 20½ cents; one creamery sold its product at 20½c. Dairy and separator butter, about 125 packages, sold for 16 to 18 cents. Eggs, not in very great numbers, realized 10 cents.

—Mr. David Law, who recently died in England was well known in this city as partner in and senior member of the firm Law, Young & Co. After being in business in Hamilton he came to this city about 1868 where he has been in business ever since, though taking no active part in the firm for the last six or seven years.

-The Lancashire Insurance Co. has just taken possession of its handsome new building in Toronto, on Wellington and Front streets. The interior fittings are regarded as simple, artistic and thoroughly up-to-date in all conveniences for office tenants. The company's own office, on the main floor, is very handsome and commodious. The company's Toronto agents, Messrs. Low & Hamilton; the Hartford Fire Ins. Co.; the Phoenix of Hartford; the Toronto Board of Fire Underwriters; the Canadian Fire Underwriters; the Insurance Institute of Toronto; are amongst the tenants of this new structure, which is generally regarded as an excellent investment.

-Our Orangeville, Ont., correspondent writes: - Messrs. Armitage & Lee, dry goods merchants who bought the stock of the late W. C. Dahl, of this town, about a year ago, have sold out to Frederick Ritchie, a young man who has been in Shelburne a short time. The vendors apparently did not find the business very profitable.-J. L. Kelly, hardware merchant, who withdrew from the firm of Kelly & Marshall and started for himself about two years ago, has sold out his stock to the latter and intends to work for him. He also did not find the business very profitable, four hardware stores in this town being too many for a profitable paying trade.—The fall wheat crop, in a large section of the country hereabouts, can be said to be nearly a failure, although not so great as last year. The hay crop was also very unpromising on account of the dry weather until a few days ago when a plentiful shower of rain has made the prospect much brighter. The spring crops, such as wheat, barley, oats, and peas are exceptionally good.-In a few days this town votes on a by-law granting \$6,000 to the Portland Cement Works to be established here, the material to be obtained about three miles from The by-law provides that no money shall be the town. paid until the works are actually going. The prospects for establishing the works and carrying the by-law are bright.—Business generally has not been altogether up to the average since the beginning of the year, although the trade last fall and winter was beyond the average.

-Messrs. Morlock Bros. furniture manufacturers, Guelph, Ont., are contemplating moving to Elora.

—A summer line of steamers between St. John, N.B., and England is being suggested by leading New Brunswick shippers.

Ottawa lumber men, in the employ of Mr. J. R. Booth, will receive an increase of from 6 to 12 per cent. in

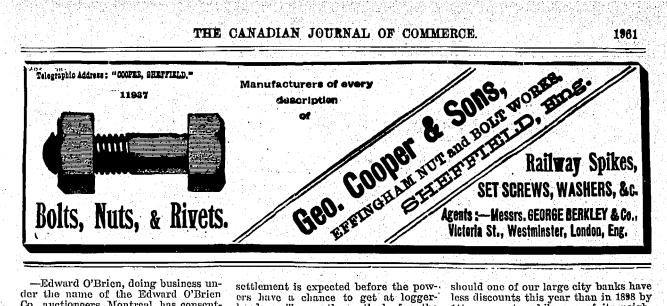
wages, dating from the 18th inst.

—The deal for the acquiring of ten Ontario stove manufactories by an American syndicate is nearing completion. The total price will reach about \$2,500,-

—Latest Winnipeg reports state that the wheat crop in Manitoba and the North West will not turn out more than 40 per cent. of last year's yield. In the Dakotas to the South, still worse conditions prevail.

BUSINESS DIFFICULTIES.

—John Younie, manufacturer, Montreal, has assigned on demand of H. Wood. The principal creditors are Hugh Brodie, \$4,000 (a mortgage); Malleable Iron Company, \$400; C. H. Wood \$200; Paul Joly, \$200, and Alexander Younie, Bysonville, \$300.



-Edward O'Brien, doing business under the name of the Edward O'Brien Co., auctioneers, Montreal, has consented to assign at the instance of Malone & Robertson, picture dealers, creditors for \$211. W. G. Malone has been ap-pointed provisional guardian.

Monbreal, Thursday, June 21, 1900.

Our columns are so full of bank statistics, etc., there is a plethora in this issue of financial matter. There is enough to create considerable disturbance in the money market in the state of affairs in China, if recent reports are reliable. So far as that power is con-cerned short work could be made of it, but out of the action of a number of powers there may arise disputes which will lead to an European war. The situation is grave, but the persistence of China is so unlikely that an early

settlement is expected before the powsettlement is expected before the powers have a chance to get at loggerheads. To us the outlook for the wheat crop is the most important question of the day. The weather has been so unfavourable in the North West as to have changed the bright prospects of a few weeks ago into alarm over the yield being likely to be below an average. This means a reduced income for Canada next year of several millions of dollars with conof several millions of dollars with consequent restriction of trade. In connection with the bank statements there will be considerable curiosity excited as to the why and wherefore of some banks losing so much business last year when trade was unprecedentedly prosperous, and some other banks failing to acquire anything like what would be their proportion of the in-creased business which flowed so freely into other banks. Why, for instance,

should one of our large city banks have less discounts this year than in 1898 by 1½ per cent., while one of its neighbours increased its discounts since 1898 by 60 per cent.? There seems little prospect of the bank rate being reduced this Fall, as trade is so active in England as to create a demand for money that keeps up rates. The lo-eal stock market is quiet. Pacific has been selling at 91 to 91¾; Electric, 202; Toronto St., 98½; but transactions have been trifling. Consols are down to 101. The tourist season is in full blast 101. The tourist season is in full blast in Europe, which draws largely on the money resources of this continent though not to the extent expected, as the Paris Exhibition is not drawing the crowds looked for. The politicians of France have been so restless as to hav excited timidity abroad and they have done much to injure the Exhibition by persistently alienating the

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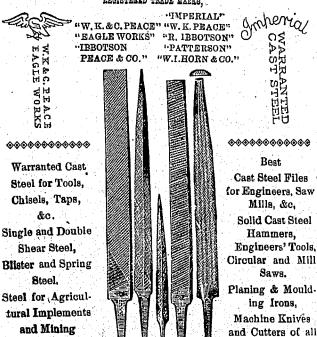
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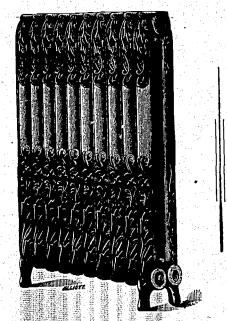
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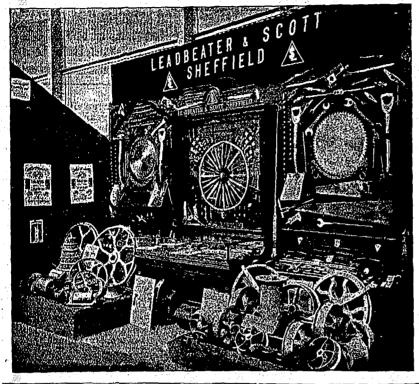
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good-will of the British people. Call loans are at 5½ per cent., rates for mercantile paper remain as for some

time past.
The Republican Convention yesterday nominated President McKinley for President to succeed himself, and Governor Roosevelt as Vice-President, both unanimously.

The following is a comparative table of stocks for week ending June 21st, supplied by Chas. Meredith & Co., Stock Brokers, Montreal:—

BANKS.	Sparse.	Highest,	Lowest.	Average same dat Last Yea
Bank of Montreal	26	255	255	251 1/2
Molsons Bank	5	180	180	198

merchants Dank. 2	101	TOT	100
Bk of Nova Scotia 200	218	218	ministry,
Quebec Bank 25	1231/2	$123\frac{1}{2}$	125
Can. Bk. of Com. 100	150	150	
Hochelaga 8	186	136	147
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MISCELLANEOUS,			
Can. Pacific 6100	93⅓	891/2	95%
Duluth S.S. & At. 25	13	13	4
Payne19750	102	100	$324\frac{3}{4}$
Comm. Cable Co 150	164	163	182
Twin City 225	633/4	60	6614
Mont. & Lond 9400	29	271/2	50
Montreal Teleg 80	164	161	178
St. John Ry 40	121	118	••••
Rich, & Ont. Nav. 185	10614	104	1081/2
Virtue Co57000	89	88	/2
M. S. R 727	260	255	327
" new stock, 30	250	244	323
Montreal Gas Co., 543	184		2001/2
Bell Tel 41	177	177	1811/6
Royal Elec. xd 825	206	200	1821/2
Toronto Ry 680		981/2	1151/
War Eagle 4000	150	145	362
Panulla 9700	91	30	123
Republic 2700	103	103	_
Halifax Ry. Bds. 1000 Montreal Cotton. 1	141	141	150
Can. Col. Cotton Co 114	85	80	70
Can, Col'd Cor, bds 2350	100	100	10017
Dom. Cot. Mills 111	99	951/2	1081/2
Merchant Cot 10	130	130	• • • •
Dom. Coal, bnds 6000	110	109%	• • • • •

MONTREAL CLEARING HOUSE.

Clearings.	Balances.
Total for week End-	10 July 100
ing June 21, 1900. 16,861,075	2,263,616
Corresponding	4.4
Week of 18993 15,429,478	2,147,540
" " 1898" 13,876,035	1,548,613
" "1897 9,365,256	1,288,615

Brazilian exchange for the week ending June 19th, is as follows:

June	13 14		9.7-16d 9.7-16d
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MONTRAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Montreal, June 21st, 1900.

Prominent among the features of the week has been the steady advance in. wheat, which in turn, has caused flour values to ascend in a corresponding degree. Within a week wheat has advanced 131/2c and crop reports favor a much higher temporary level. advices from Winnipeg state that the present crop both in Manitoba and the North West will be from 50 to 70 per cent, short of the average. Grain speculation, however, often allows these reports to be discounted considerably, and it is hoped later reports will show an improvement. Dairy products are commanding much attention. Cheese is 21/2c higher than a year ago, while butter is meeting with an improved export demand, causing it to be unusually high in price. Hardware is steady with a decline in coil chain. Dry goods are moving well, both for summer goods and later requirements. Leather alone seems to hang back, except for export account. Failures are few.

BUTTER.- There continues to be a large business passing, and, contrary to expectations, prices are still advancing. It is unusual, at his season to see price's ruling so high but the export demand keeps good and there are no accumulations of stocks on the market. Receivers find no difficulty in placing arrivals quickly, both for fresh creamery and choice dairy. The former sells at 20c to 21c. Choice. Townhips dairy brings 17½c to 18c and Western dairy 10½c to 17½c as per style of package. Box packages suiting the export trade, always command ½c per lb. over ordin-

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ary tubs. Cooking buter is in small supply and brings from 14c to 16c.

CEMENTS, ETC—Arrivals for week ending 20th inst. were: 1,690 brls. English eement; 956 Belgian and German, and 118,000 fire bricks. An order for 5,000 brls. German cement was placed here this week on which about \$2.50 net was realized. Johbing trade is fairly good.

Cheese.—With a large export demand passing, priess have further advanced, finest selling up to 11c this week. Exports show a heavy increase over any week this season. There seems to be a difference of opinion regarding the outlook for the early future, but the more general opinion is that prices have seen the highest point, and after this week closes easier prices may be looked for. The market shows a large increase of stock, which will have an influence in checking any further advances and prices will likely weaken. Montreal dealers purchased considerable cheese in Northern New York State on Saturday last, at 9%c to 10%c, which sent the price up quickly on the other side. At Woodstock, Ont., on the 20th inst., 10%c was refused.

Daues, Erc.—Glycerine is stronger. Most makers will not now name prices. The end of the South African war is expected to cause an immense demand for use in the mines, and the situation is very firm. Citric acid is firm at a

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slight advance. Cr. Tartar has advanced to per lb. New stock oil of lemon is just coming to hand, and is rather easier. Oxalic acid is firmer and likely to go higher. Quinine is somewhat firmer, and tartaric acid is slightly advanced. Castor oil is again slightly advanced.

Day Goods.—Summer goods are selling with a freedom much beyond the hesitancy shown in earlier selections and those sought later for future wants. Importing houses here have not advanced prices on woollen goods consistent with the rise in European markets and consequently the slight falling off in wool values has only equalized matters for them. Linens are held very firm. The cotton situation is likely to be severely affected by the Chinese trouble, but mystery still hovers over the situation. Wool is reacting somewhat both in England and the United States and buyers here are taking goods with the wise decision that values are at as low a level as they are likely to reach for a time.

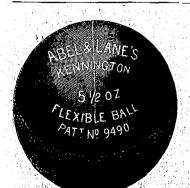
EGGS.—Extra dull. The demand is very light, appearing to be largely shut off owing to the glut of early fruit and vegetables in the market. There is difficulty in pushing sales in quantities. Straight gathered are offering freely at 11½c to 11¾c, with No. 2 unsaleable, offering at 9c to 9½c. There is a fair call from grocers for selected stock of strictly new eggs at 13c to 14c, Receipts are large and quality moving out unsatisfactory. Many cases show heavy shrinkage and receivers are obliged to sell stock, loss off. Buyers insist on candling and allowance off for shrinkage.

Figu.—The feature of the fresh fish market is the high price of Gaspe salmon, owing largely to the short supply at Eastern U.S. points. Prices range from 14c to 15c lb. White fish

are searce and high at 61/2e to 71/2e lb. Italibut and haddock are plentiful, the former at 9e to 10e lb., and the latter 4e to 41/2e lb. Advices from Maine report an exceeding searcity of sardine herring. The supply is said to be less than 25 per cent. of the capacity of the few factories in operation. Most Eastern brokers are holding fish to arrive at \$3.55 per case for quarters in oil, and several report that they are asking \$3.60 ex dock. The recent advices as to the pack have strengthened holders' views and many state they have been forced to reject orders at the highest quotations. The prices on chinook canned salmon made this week by the Columbia River Packers' Association on their pack are 40 per cent. higher than those of a year ago. They are \$1.70 for talls, \$1.85 for flats and \$1.071/2 for half-pounds. Last year's opening prices were \$1.25 for talls, \$1.40 for flats and \$0.00 for half-pounds.

FLOUR, FEED & MEAL.—Flour underwent two advances since last report, following the boom in wheat. This is still on and the erop reports will likely send it much higher. Trade in flour in very brisk both on export and local account. Leading millers are behind in orders though rushing night and day. Bran and shorts have both taken a turn upwards. Quotations are: Flour—Winter wheat patents, \$3.65 to \$3.80: straight rollers. \$3.40 to \$3.50, in bags \$1.55 to \$1.60. Manitoba patents. \$4.45 strong bakers, \$4.15; Manitoba bran, bulk, \$14.00; shorts, \$16.00; mouille, \$20 to \$24 per ton; oatmeal, \$3.30 to \$3.35, and \$1.60 to \$1.65 per bag; baled hay, No: 1, \$9.5 to \$10; No. 2, \$8.25 to \$9; cloved and mixed. \$7 to \$7.50. Best fimothy hay in bulk is held at \$8.75 to \$9 per load, averaging 1,500 lbs.

GREEN FRUITS, ETC. — Trade holds brisk and prices are held at profitable figures. Strawberries are very unsetfled selling as low as 6c on occasional days and again being firm at 8c. The bulk of arrivals comes from the Niagara Peninsula. The crop is up to average. Quotations are: - Oranges, Valencias, 420s,\$6.50 to \$6.75; ovals, boxes,\$4.25; do. half boxes. \$2.75 to \$3; ditto. \$3.50 to \$4; ditto, half boxes, \$1.75; ditto half boxes, \$2.50 to \$3; lemons, fancy, \$3.00 to \$3.25; choice, \$2 to \$2.75; bananas. \$1.40 to \$2.50 per bunch; pineapples, 10c 10 20c each: formatoes, carrers, \$2.25 to \$2.75; Tennessee, \$1.25 to \$1.40 per erate; apples, \$5 per brl., for No. 1; cocoanuts, \$3.50 per 100; strawberries, 6c to 8c; cucumbers, South-



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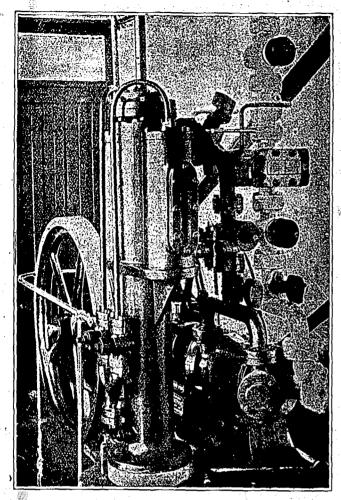
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GROCERTES.-Sugars have held firm at the high mark reached last week. Quotations on molasses are lower at 38c to 39c; three cargoes from Barbadoes and Porto Rico are now on the way to this port. Currants are very firm owing to the recent advance equal to 11/2c lb. in primary markets. While this will not be fully felt here the market is very strong and must affect prices to a greater degree if conditions are sustained. The new raisin crop promises good in Spain. A peculiar feature of the situation in Sultana raisins is shown in the fact that they are being almost entirely neglected in this market where very heavy stocks are held and are freely offered at 6c to 8c lb. And this is for beautiful transparent looking fruit which a year ago brought 50 per cent. higher prices. Valencias are very scarce at present. Considerable new Japan teas are moving. The able new Japan tens are moving. The war situation in China has already afwar situation in China has already affected China green teas which are produced in the Northern sections, the scene of the present disturbances. China blacks coming from further south, are still outside the danger line. Neither Pekin nor Tien-Tsin is a tea market. The large tea markets are Hunkow and Shanghai. The Hankow first crop is nearly all settled. As far as the tea coming down to Shanghai is concerned there is no likelihood of trouble. Poochow, Amoy and Formosa are too far off to be affected. Insn are too far off to be affected.

dian tea is fast outstripping other blacks in the race. The imports at London for the season 1899-90 amounted to the enormous total of 148,969,000 lbs., against 136,074,000 lbs. in the previous season.

HARDWARE & METALS.-A reduction has taken place in the list price of coil chain, on all sizes from 5-16th up, as will be seen on reference to prices current. Aside from this values are steady Trade is quiet as at former figures. usual at this season. In metals there is little change to note except on pig tin, which is lower in foreign markets. Very little transactions are occurring the trade being inclined to deal sparingly for immediate wants. structural shapes, etc., the market is fairly firm. Some U.S. plants have resumed operations after temporary closing, while it is reported fully 50 per cent. of the large plants will be out after July 1st. This, however, is thought in some quarters to be the outcome of wage dissatisfaction. wage dissatisfaction. At a meeting of structural steel manufacturers in New York, a number of decided reductions were agreed upon. The new prices of beams and of channels are on the basis of \$2.05 per 100 lbs. or \$41 per ton for New York, and \$1.95 per 100 lbs., for angles. These are a reduction from \$2.40 per 100 lbs. at New York and \$2.25 at Pittsburg. Latter prices are 15 cents below those of New York.

Examine a Shors.—Aside from a good export demand for leather there is but a small proportion of the expected amount moving. Shoe manufacturers are buying a little right along, but not with the freedom that their orders for shoes would demand. The same hesitating spirit predominates all over the continent, wherever leather should be needed. Eastern U.S. shoe jobbers are holding back in their purchases and there appears to be a certain veil of

secrecy about it all, which only the near future can remove. In the absence of any round lots being sought prices are nominally unchanged.

PAINTS, Oils & Glass.—Prices are steady. Mixed paints are very firm owing to the prevailing high prices of ingredients. Linseed oils are unchanged, at 83c to 87c as to kind and quantity. Some little apprehension exists in the varnish trade that the price of Manila gum may soon be advanced. The Dutch Government has passed an act placing an export duty of 10 per cent. upon all Dutch East India products.

Provisions.—A steady trade is being done in cured meats, but for the past week there have been no perceptible changes in values. Bacon is slightly firmer under a good demand, although the Liverpool market has shown weakness and declined over 6d. Lard is steady with a falling off in demand. Quotations are: Heavy Canadian short cut mess pork, \$18; short back, \$17; selected heavy short cut mess pork, boneless, special quality, \$18.50 to \$19; and heavy mess pork, long cut, \$17; pure Canadian lard, 9c to 10c per lb.; and compound refined, 7%c to 8%c per lb. Hams, lie to 13½c, and bucon, 10c to 14c per pound.

Wool.—The situation here is little changed. There seems to be more free buying at the reduced prices, manufacturers feeling they have waited to win and are taking goods at prices which they think are safe. There appears to be a reaction in the market both in London and in the U.S. centres. Holders have become convinced that the situation does not call for the reductions in prices recently made and are now inclining to the belief that holding for a little time will show needed results. The China disturbance is calculated to affect the market for carpet wools and dealers are very firm in their views.

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SEALED TENDERS addressed to the under-bam St. Andrew's Rapids, Red River, Man," will be received at this office nutil Monday, the 16th day of July, 1900, for the construction of a concrete Lock and Dam at St. Andrew's Rapids, Red River, Province of Manitobs.

Province of Manitoba.

Plans and specification can be seen at this Department; at the offices of Mr. Zeph. Malhiot, resident engineer of the Department at Winnipeg; Mr. H. A., Gray, resident engineer, Confederation Lite Building, Toronto; Mr. O. Desjardins Cierk of Works, Post Office, Montreal. and Mr. Ph. Bdiand, Olerk of Works, Post Office, Quebec. Forms of tender can also be obtained at the above mentioned places.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied, and signed with their actual eignatures. The contractor will be required to conform to regulations to be made by the Governor-General-increasing the accommodation, medical treatment, and sanitary protection of the workingmen employed on the work.

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Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque made payable to the order of the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, squal to ten per cent, of the amount of the tender 10 p.c.), which will be forfsited if the party derline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

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By order,

JOS. R. ROY,

Acting Secretary.

Department of Public Works of Canada, Ottawa, June 19th, 1900.

Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the Department, will not be paid for it.

Debentures for Sale

TENDERS will be received until the 30th day of T. June 1900 for the purchase of \$151,677.58 of the Town of Smith's Falls, Ont., Debentures as follows: \$19,612.68 issued for Permanent Street Improvements, with interest at 3½ per cent., yearly, reckoned from 3let December, 1859, payable in Smith's Falls by 29 equal annual instalments of \$1,037.42 each, which includes principal and interest on the 3let December in each year; \$150,000 fesued for Water Works and Sewers, with interest at 4 per cent. yearly, reckoned from 30th December, 1899, payable in Smith's Kalls by 40 equal annual instalments of \$7,578,52, each on the 30th December, 1899, payable in Smith's Falls by 35 equal annual instalments of \$863,23 each, on 30th December, 1899, payable in Bmith's Falls by 35 equal annual instalments of By-Laws under which all the above Debentures have been issued have been ratified and confirmed by Act of Parliament' passed at Toronto this year.

Accrued Interest to be included in purchase price.

No tender necessarily accepted.

Further information furnished on application.

B. E. SPARHAM,

Town Clerk.

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TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE,

(Revised by Telegraph.)

Toronto, June 21, 1900.

A good sorting-up business continues to be done in dry goods. All kinds of summer wear are in demand and prices rule firm. The crops in Ontario are looking well and merchants generally are hopeful. The outlook in Manitoba is less promising owing to the anfavorable crop reports. There is a fair business in hardware and groceries with prices generally steady. Sterting exchange is easier. Money is casier, with call loans quoted at 51/2 per cent. on stocks and prime discounts: 6 to 61/2 per cent. Stocks were irregular this week, with C.P.R. lower. Latest sales: Bank of Commerce 148%, Dominion Bank 255, Bank of Ottawa 205, Cable 164% xd, Toronto Electric 132 xd, C.P.R. 90, Toronto Ry. 98% xd, London and Canadian Loan 60, Can. Per. & W. C. 1121/2, North west Land pr. 521/4.

Butter, &c .- The offerings are act as plentiful and prices in consequence a little firmer. Prime qualities of tub dairy and pound rolls sell at 17e to 18c, and medium at 14e to 15c. Creamery firm at 18c to 18½e for tub and at 19e to 20e for rolls. Eggs are steady, with case lots quoted at 12c to 12½c. Cheese firm at 11c to 11½c in a jobbing way.

Dressed Hogs. - The receipts are small and prices firm. bring \$8 to \$8.25. Small lots

Flour and Grain.-The flour market is more active and prices higher. Ninety per cent. patents sold at \$3.20 to \$3.25 in barrels west for choice grades, and in buyers' bags at \$2.65 to \$2.79. Manitoba patents \$4.30 and strong bakstandard parents stond stond standers \$4.00. Bran is steady at \$12 to \$12.50 west, and shorts \$14 to \$14 50 west, Wheat in better demand and prices firmer. White and red sold at 69e to 70e north and west, spring at 50e to 70e north and west, spring at 70c east and goose at 70c here. No. 1 Manitoba hard is quoted at 88c to 90c Toronto and west, 85c to 86c Midland and Owen Sound, and 81c to 82c Fort William. Barley dull, with No. 2 quoted at 40c. Oats firmer, white selling at 28/2e cast and at 27/2e west; mixed;

Peas dull at 26/2c north and west. 60c east and at 59c west. Rye quiet at 52c to 53c outside. Buckwheat is quot-- Corn stendy, with ed at 51c to 53c. Canadian 39c west, and American 46c to 47e on track here.

Groceries.—Trade is fair, with prices generally unchanged. Sugars steady, with granulated \$4.93 and yellows \$4.23 to \$4.78. Dried Iruits firm; Valencia raisins, layers, 8½c to 9c. Currants, 4¾c to 5c. Coffees firmer for Bios. Teas in good demand at firm prices. Canned goods steady at 90c to 95c for tomatoes; 75c to 85c for peas; and \$1.10 to \$1.15 for corn.

Hardware and Metals, Trade quiet, with prices as a rule unchanged.

Hides and Skins.—The hide market is dull. Cured cows, 81/2c and steers, 91/2c. Green unchanged at Sc. for No. 1 and at 7e for No. 2. Calfskins, 9c for No. 1, and Sc for No. 2. Sheepskins, \$1.35 to \$1.40. Lambskins, 30c to 35c.

Live Stock.-The cattle market is steady, with moderate demand for ex-These bring 5c to 54c per

1b. for choice, and 4% c for medium grades. Choice butchers' cattle bring 1/4c to 4/2c lb., and medium, 3/4c to 3%c. Stockers, 3%c to 3%c. Sheep, 3%c to 3%c per lb. for choice ewes. Lambs, 4%c to 5c per lb. Hogs, unchanged, the best bacon lots bringing 6%c per lb.; light and heavy fats, 6c to 6%c lb.; lig per lb.

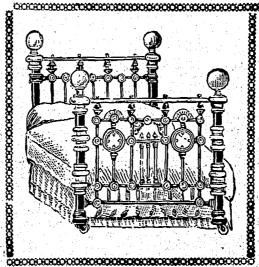
Provisions,-Trade is good, the demand for cured meats being active. Mess pork is jobbing at \$16.00 to \$10.50, and short cut at \$17.50 to \$18.00. - Bacon firm at 81/4e to 81/2c for large lots of long clear and at 83/4c to be for small lots. Rolls, 9½c to 10c. Hams, smoked, 12c to 13c. Lard is firm at 8¾c to 9½c, according to package. Dried apples, 5½c to 6c. Potatoes, 33c to 37c per bag. Hops are dull at 13c to 14c. Beans, \$1.10 to \$1.20 for common and \$1.50 to \$1.60 for hand-picked.

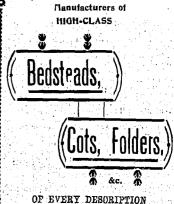
Wool.—Receipts are moderate and prices unchanged. Fleece, 15c to 16c. and unwashed, 91/2c to 10c. Pulled supers, 18c to 19c, and extras, 21c to

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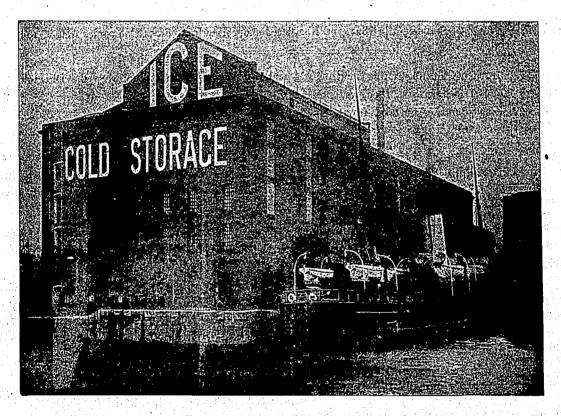
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HE Seventy-eighth Annual Meeting of this Company was held on Friday, 25th May, 1900, when the Directors' Report for the year ending December 31st, 1899, was presented.

The following summaries are taken from it:-

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Fire Premiums, after Deducting Reinsurances, amounted to \$1,882,368, as against \$1,819,404 in 1898, showing an increase of \$62,964, and the Losses, after making the same deduction to \$1,055,346, as against \$1,045,960 in 1898.

The Premium Reserve Fund, to cover unexpired Policies, will stand at \$843,000, and the Fire General Reserve Fund at \$1,850,000. There will be, therefore, an aggregate fund (apart from the Proprietor's Capital) of \$2,693,000, to meet Fire claims.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.

The total number of Policies in force on 31st December last was 10,706, assuring, with Bonuses \$39,250,615. Of this sum \$3,422,617 was re-assured with other Offices, thus reducing the ultimate liability of the Company to \$35,827,998. The amount of the Life Funds at the same date, including the Investment Reserve Fund of \$150,000 amounted to \$15,122,618.

QUINQUENNIAL VALUATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS.

The Quinquennial Valuation of the liabilities under the Company's Life Policies and Annuity Contracts has been made as at 31st December last, and the results, together with full details of the business, are contained in the Actuary's Report. Of the Total Profits of the Life Department for the five years amounting to \$2,119,298, inclusive of the balance brought forward from the previous Quinquennium, it is proposed to divide \$1,650,000, and of this sum the Policy holders take \$1,320,000, and the Proprietors \$330,000, in accordance with the constitution of the Company.

The Balance of undivided Profit carried forward to the new quinquennium is \$469,298, as compared with \$350,680 five years ago.

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Farm Products.	\$ c. \$ c	New No. 1 Hard, Ft. Will	0 00 0 851	Molasses (Barbados) Porto Rico Evaporated Apples, New. do do Old.	0 07 0 074	Vermicelli, Canadian Macaroni, " Italian	\$ c. \$ 0 05 0 0 05 0 0 10 0
nder grades Orhoicest to fineownships Dairy	0 00 0 00 0 17; 0 18 0 16; 0 17; 0 14 0 16	Oats, afloat	0 00 0 823 0 834 0 34 0 00 0 50	Raisins: Sultanas Loose Musc. Malaga	0 06 0 08 0 08 0 081	Peel—Citron Orange Lemon	0 14 0 0 11 0 0 10 0
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Pork Ca. s.c. per bbl do mess Dressed Hogs, light heavy	0 00 0 00 18 00 19 00 17 00 18 00	Indian " Darjeelings Caylon "	0 82 0 35 0 15 0 28 0 35 0 45 0 15 0 35	Filberts	0 90 1 20 0 15 0 16 0 50 1 00	Imp Trip Cote D'or Crystal Pickling W. W. XXX	0 28 0 0 28 0 0 25 0
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" Extracted Beeswax	0 08 0 10 0 25 0 30 1 60 1 65	Paris Lumps, in bris	0 00 5 40	" Crystal Japan " Carolina \$ 100 l	5 00 5 25 5 75 7 75 0 00 0 05 0 00 0 04	Washboards: Royal Lily	1 60 0
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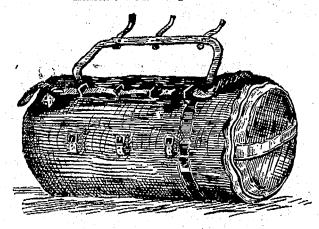


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Hardware. Antimony Tin. Block L & F, W D Straits Strip Copper: Ingot CUT NAIL SCHEDULE.	\$ C \$ C 0 104 0 11 0 00 0 84 0 00 0 00 0 00 0 85 0 184 0 00	% and % 1 in Galvanized Staples—	4 70 0 00 4 35 0 00 4 20 0 00 4 10 0 00	Lead Pipe, per 100 lbs. Zinc: Spelter, per 100 lbs Sheet, Zinc "	7 00 0 00 less 15 p.c. 0 00 5 50 6 75 7 00	Tallow, cake. "barrel (refined) "Ordinary. Rough. No. 1 B.A. Sole. No. 2B. A. Sole.	0 00 0 08 0 04] 0 04] 0 04] 0 04]
Extras—Over and above 30d, 40d, 50d, 60d and 70d Nails. Cut and Fence Nails—		100 lb. box, 1½ to 1½ Bright, 1½ to 1½ Galvanized Iron: Queen's Head, or equal Comet do 28 gauge	8 60 0 00	Black Sheet Iron. Per 100 lbs. S to 16 guage. 18 to 20 do 12 to 24 do 26 do 28 do		Slaughter. No. 1	0 234 0 24 0 28 0 29 0 28 0 29 0 26 0 27
I and 32d " " S and 9d " " S and 7d " " 4 and 5d " " " Cut spikes 10c, per Keg ad-	0 15 0 00 0 30 0 00 0 40 0 00 0 65 0 00 1 00 0 00	Car lote Ord, Crown, base	2 45 base 2 40 0 00 0 00	Wirk: Plain galv'd, No. 6, 7, 8. do do No. 9 do do No. 10	8 95 0 00 8 20 0 00 4 10 0 00 4 15 0 00	Upper, light. Grained Upper	0 84 .0 86 0 35 .0 37 0 84 .0 85
Yance. Fine blued nails— 2d per 100 lbs 8d "Casing Box, Tobacco Box and Flooring Nails— 20 to 30d per 100 lbs	1 00 0 0 1 50 0 00	Morway, base Am, Sheet Steel, 62; 14 """ 18 & 20 """ 28 & 24 "" 28 Boiler plates, iron, & in. "" 3-16 in.	3 90 0 00	do do No. 12 do do No. 13 do do No. 14 do do No. 15 do do No. 163 Barbed Wire— Spring Wire per 100, 1.00	5 00 0 00 5 25 0 00 8 40 f.o.b.	Kip Skins, French. English. Canada Kip. Hemlock Calf. Light. French Calf. Splits, light and medium. 'i small.	0 22 0 26 0 17 0 20
8 and 9d "	0 60 0 00 0 65 0 00 0 70 0 00 0 95 0 00 1 20 0 00	Hoop Iron, base for 2 in. and larger Band Canadian 1 to 6 in. 30c; over base of ordin- iron, smaller size Extras	0 00 8 40	net extra. Iron and Steel Wire pl'n 6 to 9	3 20 base. 0 00 0 11	Enameled Cow, per ft Pebble Grain Glove Grain B. Calf Brush (Cow) Kid	0 06 0 10 0 16 0 18 0 12 0 14 0 12 0 18 0 15 0 20
5 inch and longer per 100 lbs 5 inch and 2 inch 2 and 2 inch 1 inch 1 inch 2 and 2 inch 1 inc	0 60 0 00 0 65 0 00 0 70 0 60 0 95 0 00 1 20 0 00 1 50 0 00	Canada Plates: Galvanized, 50 sheet. 52 sheets 60 do 75 do All bright	8 25	3-16 Manilla, 7-16 & lgr.	0 111 0 12 0 12 0 121 0 141 0 15	Buff. Ruesetts, light. Heavy. No. 2 No. 2 Int. French Calf. English Oak lb Dongola, extra No. 7 Ordinary. Colored Pebbles.	0 13 0 16
Slating nails— 1½ and 1½ inch per 100 lbs., 1½ "" 1 "" Common barrel nails— 1½ inch per 100 lbs	0 95 0 00 1 20 0 00 1 50 0 00	All bright. Wro't Iron pipe, in i in. ½ in. 1 in. 1½ in. 1½ in. 2 in.	7 59 9 60	" 5-16 " 3-16 " Lath yarn Wire Nalls	0 151 0 151 0 16 0 101	Dongola, extra No. 1 Tongola, extra Ordinary Colored Pebbles Calf	0 30 0 85 0 38 0 42 0 20 0 22 0 14 0 16 0 13 0 16 0 16 0 22
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2% and 2% inch		" Machinery " Harrow Tooth Tin Plates: IC Coke, 14 x 20 IC Charcoal, 14 x 20	3 75 base 8 40 4 50 4 75 4 80	8d and 9d "10d and 12d "15d and 20d "15d and 50d "15d and 50d "15d and 50d "15d and 50d and 50	0 15 0 10 0 05	Castor Oil. Castor Oil bris. Lard Oil, Extra Linseed, raw, nett. '' bolled, nett	0 09 0 091
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" 4	0 10 0 00 0 0 10 0 00 0 0 081 0 00 0 5 50 0 00	Lion & Crown tin'd sh'ts 22 and 24 guage case lots 26 guage Lead: Pig, per 100 lbs; Sheet Shot, 100 lb less 7; p c	7 50 7 75 7 75 8 00	Sheopskins. Clips Lambskins each Calfskins, No. 1 'No. 2 Horsehides, No. 1 'No. 2	0 00 0 25 0 00 0 09	Gasoline 76 gravity Stove Gasoline Silver Star Imperial Acme American W. W.	0 21 0 22 0 20 0 21 0 16i 0 17i 0 17i 0 18i 0 19 '0 20 0 20 0 21

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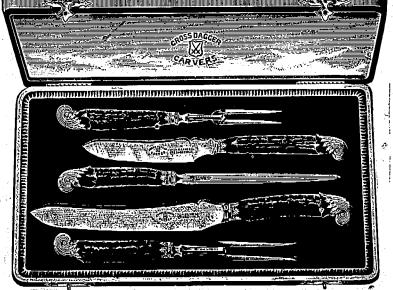
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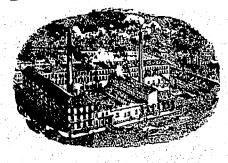
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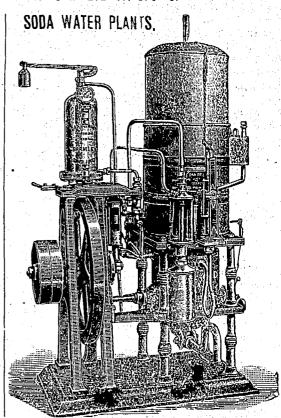
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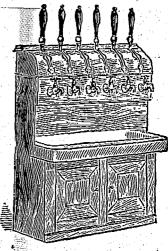
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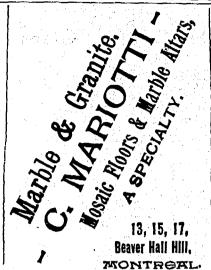
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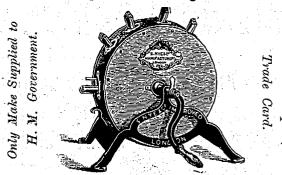
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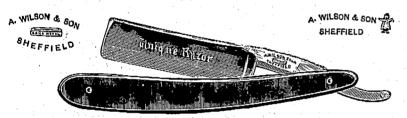
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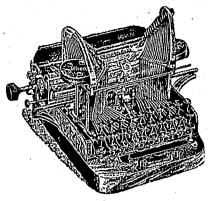
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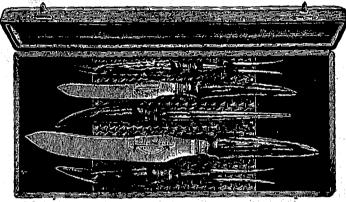
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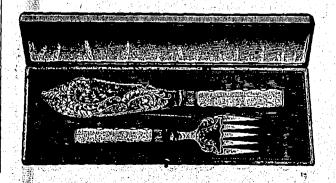


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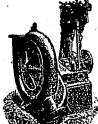
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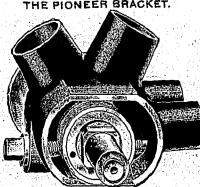
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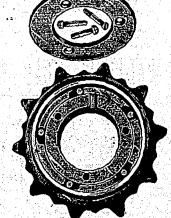
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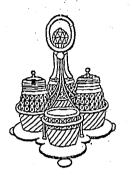
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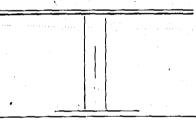


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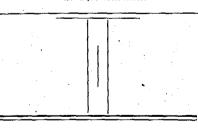
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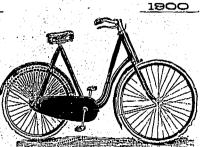
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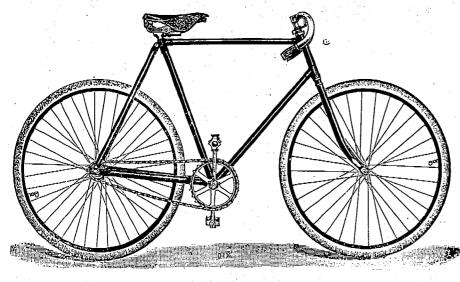
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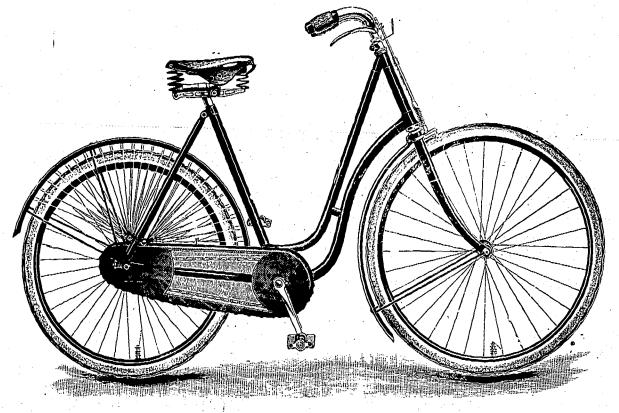
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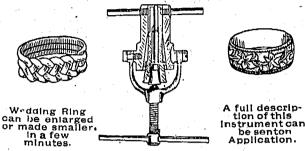
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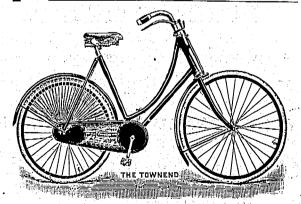
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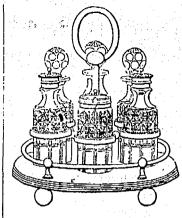


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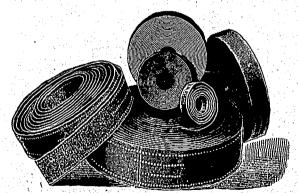
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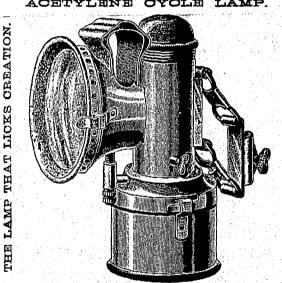
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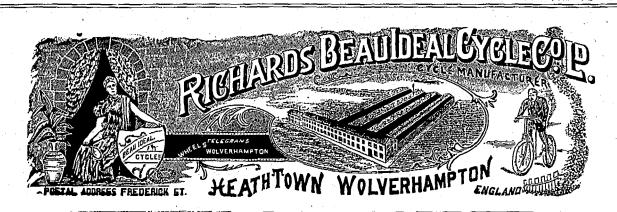
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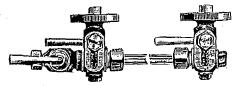


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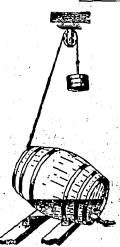
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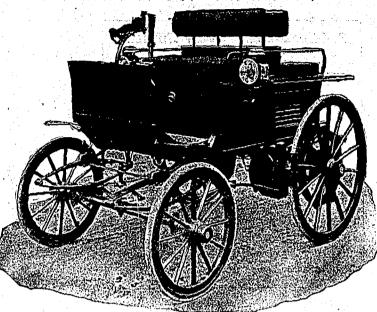
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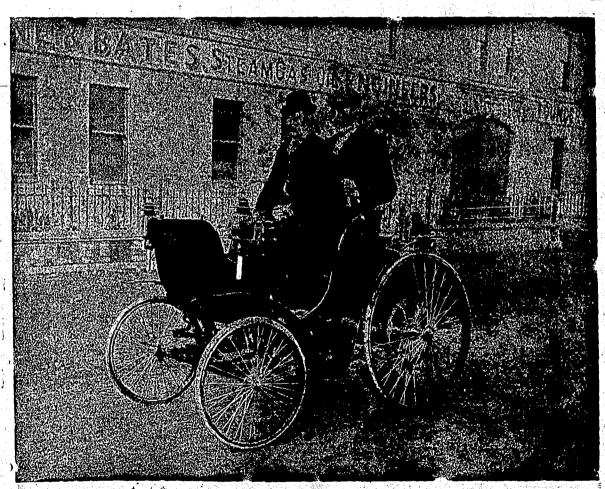
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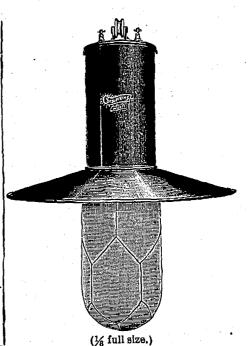
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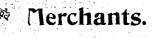
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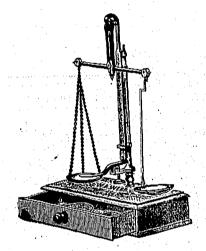
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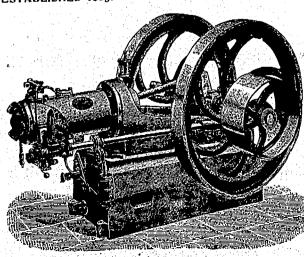
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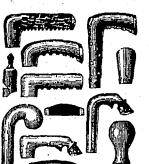
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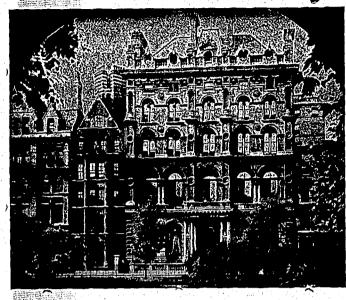
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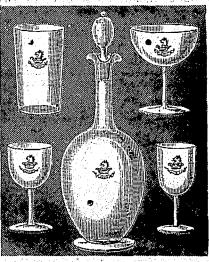
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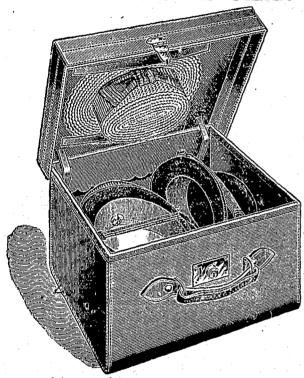
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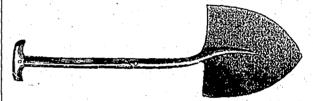
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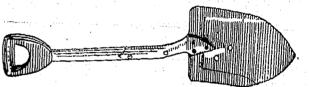
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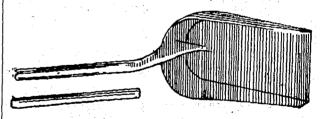
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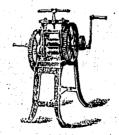
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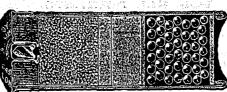
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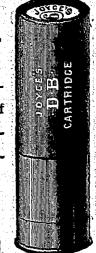


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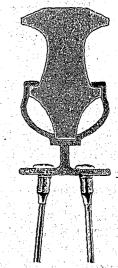
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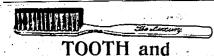
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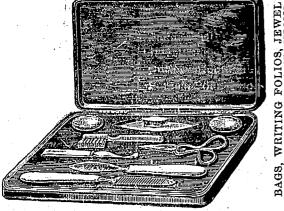
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| Reserve on Policies (American Table, 4 p.c) | \$168,221,918 | Liabilities other than Reserve | 15,023,951 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 | 15,089,822 |

\$184,935,690,80

Note.—The above statement shows a large increase over the business of 1892 in amount at risk, new business assumed, payments to policy-holders receipts, assets and surplus; and includes as risks assumed only the number and amount of policies actually issued and paid for in the accounts of the year

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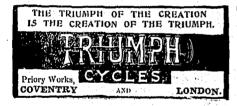
1. Increase in Cash Premiums Pard...... 8.82 2. Increase in New Business issued...... 23.08 8.82 per cent.

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